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Unsightly scar on the Vale landscape...

DOZENS OF TYRES ARE DUMPED ON THE HISTORIC ROMAN ROAD

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

THE historic Roman road, just outside Cowbridge, has suffered a particularly bad example of flytipping – dozens of dumped tyres were left there late last week.

It appears people drove along the track in the hours of darkness and unloaded them from a van or truck – a pair of green industrial gloves were left nearby.

For the regular dog walkers, the unsightly scene came as a shock.

Mr David Thomas, who often takes his dogs Kelly and Tess for an early morning stroll, told The GEM: "I was walking the dogs at about 8.30am last Thursday, when I came across the piles of tyres.

"It was difficult to believe that someone could act so irresponsibly and have such a lack of consideration for the countryside. They were blocking the top of the Roman road."

In a second rather more bizarre incident, someone dumped a pile of good quality clothes not far away.

Mr Thomas explained: "I bumped into a woman up there on Monday, who said she had picked them up, and that they were in good condition and she was going to take them into the Red Cross shop in Cowbridge."

On this occasion, it appears that whoever did the tipping, carried it out on Monday morning because the woman told Mr Thomas the clothes were dry. Last year, The GEM highlighted how rubbish was being abandoned by people on the other side of the A48 at Stalling Down.

Mr Thomas said that unsightly rubbish is still strewn from time to time on the downs.

In recent days, walkers have spotted old carpets, the remnants of a party, plastic bottles, discarded fast food cartons, and most disturbing of all, human faeces.

Mr Thomas added: "It is disgusting, and at the same time very sad that people can't look after the beautiful countryside. The police can't be there every night, and perhaps it is time that there were boulders placed to prevent people driving on there and leaving rubbish."

Clifford Parish, the Vale's operational manager for waste management and cleansing, warned that the penalties for flytipping were severe.

"The illegal deposit of any waste is an antisocial environmental crime which is punishable by prosecution. The deliberate deposit of commercial waste, such as old tyres, where the crime is committed for pure financial gain at anybody else's cost, is organised criminal activity.

"*Illegal acts of this nature are very serious and ultimately carry the highest levels of penalty. These crimes can result in fines of up to £20,000 and/or six months imprisonment. Fines are unlimited if the case goes to the Crown Court, with up to two years imprisonment on conviction.*"

He also pointed out that flytippers could even forfeit their vehicles: "Where fly-tipping involves the use of a vehicle, as in this case, then the driver can also be prosecuted, together with the owner of the vehicle.

The police also have the power to seize any vehicles used to fly-tip.

"This type of crime is becoming only too common now that tyres cannot be taken to landfill and require expensive treatment facilities for disposal. The cost to address this sort of incident can result in the public paying thousands of pounds to clear up after criminals.

"If anyone has any information that could lead to finding whoever is guilty of tipping these tyres, then the council's waste management and cleansing enforcement officers would be very pleased to hear from them.

"*They can be contacted by calling 01446 700111 or by emailing visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.*"

Flytipping can also result from unsuspecting members of the public having rubbish picked up by strangers and The Country Land and Business Association (CLA) has called on people to be wary of cheap offers of waste disposal.

CLA Wales chairman, John Homfray, who farms near Cowbridge, said: "Householders or builders with waste to dispose of can be tempted by people offering to do the job for cash in hand.

"These cowboys often take the waste and illegally dump it on private land, rather than disposing of it legally.

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Council sends out a postal vote clarifier

THE Vale Council has sent out a 'clarification' note to postal voters in the general election to make sure their votes will count.

The GEM understands that an "ambiguity" in the initial correspondence could lead voters into believing that they do not need to sign a statement which should accompany that vote.

However, any votes without that signed statement will be null and void.

The council issued a statement which said: "It is acknowledged that, within the postal voting papers, there is a statement relating to a required signature which could lead to some confusion.

"Following consultation with the Electoral Commission, the Acting Returning Officer will, as a means of clarification, be reissuing the postal voting statement for completion and return.

"This amended statement will be delivered by Royal Mail on Wednesday and Thursday this week."

The second delivery will not contain new voting forms, just the statement which requires a signature.

The council spokeswoman added:

"Anyone with any queries, should telephone one of the following numbers: 01446 709302, 709303, 709702 or 709747."

Cowbridge beauty therapist to trek Himalayas for Ria (14) – *the bravest of the brave*

by TIM CHAPMAN

A COWBRIDGE beauty therapist is to tackle the Himalayas on a charity trek, in memory of a 14-year-old family friend who died of cancer last year.

Joannne Woolaghan (34) who works at Beautywithin Medi Spa, cheerfully admits she is hardly the best candidate for such a challenge, confessing that up until now "I haven't even had a pair of walking boots!"

Her aim is to raise a minimum of £2,200 for the children's cancer charity CLICSargent.

She explained: "I want to raise funds in memory of Ria Helsdon, the daughter of my friend Heather, who died at the age of 14 in March last year.

"Ria was originally diagnosed with cancer in 2006 and despite everything she faced, she never complained – ever.

"When I suggested doing this, Heather gave me her blessing. CLICSargent seemed an appropriate charity to support because it cares for children and young people who have been diagnosed with cancer."

Ria, who lived in Great Yarmouth, Joanne's home town, illustrated her courage in a touching poem she wrote about dying at such a young age:

My stories yet unwritten
My life songs yet been sung
My heart has not been taken
My love has not been won

I have not discovered magic
or travelled wide and far
But I will be eternal from the very start.

Joanne, who has lived in St Athan for five years, said: "This is going to be a big challenge for me, because I've never trekked before. People are shocked that I'm doing it.

ABOVE: Left to right – Jo relaxing with Heather, Roger and Ria Helsdon.

"In the past, I have had back and foot problems, so I must be stupid, but brave! The important thing is that Ria, who fought a heroic four-year battle with cancer, is inspiring me.

"The trek will last five and a half days, up steep inclines and down rocky descents, and in the evening I'll have to share a two-person tent with a stranger.

"I normally like hotels and wouldn't even go camping! I certainly don't like bugs, insects, or snakes."

But what is sustaining Joanne is the thought of raising valuable funds for a worthwhile cause.

"I'm hoping that people will back me by pledging donations to *www.virginmoneygiving.com/joannewoolaghan*."

Joanne's initial target is £2,200, but she hopes to raise even more later in the year, by holding a charity ball at the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge.

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A new use for old health buildings

I AM delighted that not only will we retain Cowbridge Library, but that this valuable asset is to be improved and enlarged.

However, rather than adding to the present library building, thereby encroaching into the garden area, why not utilise the health centre building?

When the health services move to their new premises on North Road, Old Hall gardens will have a ready-made redundant place, with large central space and surrounding smaller rooms suitable for study, meetings, and IT use.

Perhaps the Charter Trust could consider this their new venture, in partnership with the Vale Council, Assembly and volunteers.

Shirley Dunsworth, Cowbridge

Nells Point consultation

I FELT that I should write to clarify for local people that the Vale Council has currently not agreed plans of any sort for the development of Nells Point.

What we have done at this time is to consider the recommendations of Humberts Leisure, a consultancy company specialising in international leisure businesses, into the potential land use and future marketing of the site.

We have also decided that is vital to consult with local people and other interested parties on these recommendations.

It is very much hoped that a consensus will emerge from this consultation that will allow us to determine how best to utilise Nells Point for the benefit of the people of Barry.

The consultation is 'open to all', the report and recommendations are available on our website and we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Coun Rhodri Traherne (cabinet member for economic development and regeneration)

'Thanks for my wonderful medical care'

ON March 31 this year, I was the victim of a road accident in Pontyclun in which I received some rather nasty injuries to my head and ear, and am very grateful to be alive, thanks in no small part to the staff of the surgery in Pontyclun.

I have now returned home after a stay on Ward 4 of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, where I received excellent treatment from the staff. Thank you all!

I have been overwhelmed by the care, concern and love that has been showed me by the people of Pontyclun. I have been showered by cards, flowers and gifts of all sorts.

I cannot begin to tell me how amazed this has made me feel. Thank you all so much.

I hope to get back to normal soon and thank you all in person.

Sue Saunders, Pontyclun

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DOES BARRY WANT TOURISTS, OR NOT?

I READ with excitement the recent article on the front page of The GEM announcing the proposed static holiday caravan park which may be built on the former Butlins site.

What a boost to Barry, an enterprising and fitting use for this piece of land.

Then I read the alternatives, "A limited service hotel, family pub restaurant" and yes, as usual, a "small" residential development. What a surprise! More houses crammed onto our beautiful seafront.

Do we really need another family pub and yet more dreary houses on Whitmore Bay? Wouldn't it be more fitting for a seaside town, that has been resurrected from oblivion by a TV sit com to have an innovative development that will once again bring holiday makers into our town?

I question whether any council members have ever looked at the thriving seaside resorts around this country's coast.

I can assure you their success doesn't lie in packing in as many houses as possible onto prime land for instant monetary gratification, but in forward planning and investment.

Haven't we, in Barry, been fed enough stories about new developments, supposed new schools, bars and recreation areas on the Waterfront development – when all we seem to see are gloomy blocks of apartments?

We must be the only seaside resort in Great Britain that doesn't seem to want to attract tourists. Maybe a static caravan park isn't everyone's idea of holiday sophistication but at least it will encourage families into our town, and allow the existing small businesses in Barry to capitalise on the beautiful beaches we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep.

Mrs Deborah Baker, Barry

Fingers crossed for skate park

I WAS very interested to read the article in The GEM LAST week about what is proposed for the St Athan Skate Park.

All the funding is most commendable and the proposals are great, but who in their right mind made the decision to pull the existing facility down, four days before the youngsters began their Easter holiday?

It didn't made any sense to me at all. It has now been an empty concrete slab for four weeks - all through this lovely dry weather.

I only hope that now the restoration work has begun, that all the promises are honoured and the facility will be ready for their summer holiday.

Eleanor MacNamara, St Athan

Another success for Heritage Coalition

LAST week, the cabinet of the Vale Council accepted a recommendation from one of its scrutiny committees to "…look into the funding of a feasibility study to investigate the options and related costs of setting up a Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Museum…"

I requested this report to scrutiny at the beginning of the year, in order to start the process which will one day lead to the setting up of a Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Museum centred in Barry.

I am proud that my suggestion has had cross-party support, but I must record my greatest thanks to the Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Coalition, and especially their co-ordinator Dr Jonathan Hicks, who gave such an enthusiastic and enlightening presentation to the scrutiny committee.

I am proud of our local history and believe strongly that by recording and protecting it, with the building of a Heritage Centre, it will give future generations a much-needed sense of belonging.

Once again, may I thank everyone who has supported the idea of setting up a Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Museum…but remember this is just the start, we have a long way to go yet!

Coun Rob Curtis, Barry

Barry Town Survey available to view

GEM readers may well remember the Barry Town Survey that was undertaken in 2007, and the coverage that it gave us at that time.

Well, the final report has now been published and distributed to the Barry Town Council as well as to major service providers in the Barry area (copies are available to the general public by contacting us at *barrysurvey@live.co.uk* or write to me at the Town Council offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA).

This survey represents three years' hard work from the voluntary community group that undertook it, and it also represents one of the single most powerful, consolidated views of Barry residents ever undertaken regarding the issues that concern them about living in the town.

There is no better time than in the run-up to the general election to canvass your local political candidates about how they plan to address the concerns of Barry residents. I would urge everyone to read and respond to the survey findings.

Steve Sargent, BTSSG hon secretary

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
29 Thur	07.37	10.0	19.58	9.9
30 Fri	08.19	9.8	20.39	9.8
01 Sat	09.00	9.6	21.13	9.4
02 Sun	09.37	9.1	21.56	9.0
03 Mon	10.13	8.6	22.32	8.6
04 Tues	10.55	8.1	23.16	8.1
05 Wed	11.39	7.5		
06 Thur	00.09	7.6	12.41	7.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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DO SOMETHING NOW – BEFORE SIGNS TAKE OVER THE WORLD!

ABOVE:
A pastoral scene in the Vale – where the only sign missing is the way to Cardiff.

AS the warmer weather arrives hedges and meadows spring to life – but the Vale may be in the clutches of a new invasion – sprouting signs!

GEM reader Elwyn Roberts captured a particularly virulent form of growth in a peaceful country lane not far from Peterston-super-Ely.

He said: "More and more signs have appeared like mushrooms on our beautiful country lanes over recent years – small ones, large ones, brown ones, yellow ones.

"Are they helpful? - well that's open to debate - especially when more prominence is given to holiday cottages and B & Bs rather than to famous village place names."

Elwyn pointed out that the growth in signs, whether of the 'brown tourist' species or the 'commercial hotel' variety is out of keeping on once idyllic rural roads.

He added: "Many organisations are demanding that councils undertake 'clutter audits' of the road signs in their area – and remove those which are unnecessary, dangerous or simply an eyesore.

"Something needs to be done in this area as soon as possible, before these signs take over the world!"

Llancarfan pupils follow ducks in search of a prize

ABOVE:
The duck race is a way for the school to boost its PTA funds.

PUPILS, parents and staff at Llancarfan Primary School recently launched more than 1,000 ducks in their annual sponsored duck race.

A grand total of 1,034 ducks bobbed over the finish line with staff and pupils helping them along the way.

The winning duck belonged to Sam Church, who scooped £50 for first place, while Helen Zehnder took second and Billy Hammond third. There was also a consolation prize of a dozen fresh eggs for the sponsor of the last duck home, which went to G Hubbard.

School administrator Lisa Jones deserves a mention for her bright pink duck which, although it had obviously not trained for the event, stood out a mile!

A grand total of £988.32 was raised for PTA funds, which will go towards school equipment and running additional events.

Pupils had a great time, donning wellies and paddling in the river to see their ducks en route, and all ducks were 'rescued' at the finishing line.

Acting headteacher, Huw Lewis, who quite literally got stuck in and followed the ducks up stream, said: "This is always a fun occasion which is well supported by pupils and parents.

"It's a school tradition and a great way to boost the PTA funds. It's also quite a sight to see so many ducks floating down the river."

Mrs Julie Potter, PTA member, added: "On behalf of the PTA, I'd like to say a big thank you to parents and pupils for their support. It's a bit of fun and a great way to end a term."

To round off the event parents, staff and pupils enjoyed refreshments and homemade cakes. The school and the PTA would also like to thank The Fox and Hounds for the use of their beer garden.

ABOVE: On the way to launch the ducks.

Flytippers create eyesore along the Roman road

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"Fly-tipping is a major problem for farmers and land managers all year round but the May Bank Holidays have been traditionally particularly bad.

He added: "The owners of the land where waste is dumped have to remove it themselves, often at considerable cost.

"If this isn't done quickly, more fly-tipping often takes place and the pile grows and grows. We are asking everyone with waste to dispose of it properly and legally. Many landowners are afraid of reporting fly-tipping incidents for fear of being fined or incurring heavy costs when they have done absolutely nothing wrong.

"There is an urgent need for a review of the ways in which landowners are able to recycle materials dumped on their property."

The CLA has launched a three-point plan, calling for the government to ensure local authorities accept fly-tipped waste at local tips easily and without charge to landowners, to stop prosecuting landowners who have waste materials dumped on their land and have to foot the bill for removing it, and create a framework for local authorities to work with police forces and other bodies on a zero-tolerance approach to the perpetrators of environmental crimes.

Record your school support for posterity

SPONSORS who make donations before May 17, are offered the opportunity to have engraved bricks placed at the entrance of the new Cowbridge school to mark their support.

For every donation of £30 to the school fund, sponsors can choose their own message to go on the brick – which will then be laid into the walkway leading up to the new school buildings.

Johana Rowbottom, school fundraising officer, believes the bricks will be a great way of saying thank you for the generosity of ordinary people who are digging deep to support the campaign to provide much-needed facilities for the new school.

She told The GEM: "These bricks will be seen by every pupil, staff member and visitor to the school for years to come! This is a great opportunity to record your support for posterity."

Campaign chairman, Charlie Puddicombe said, "The May 17 deadline is important because the contractors need time to order the bricks and get them engraved before installation. Our target is 500 bricks but we only have a few weeks left to get there."

Donors can choose the words they want on the bricks using a form found at www.cowbridgecomp2010.co.uk/html/bricks.html and can sponsor as many bricks as they like.

Thanks for 100th birthday party!

Mr Meyrick O'Connor would like to thank everyone involved with his recent 100th birthday party.

In particular, he would like to thank the Mayor and Mayoress of the Vale of Glamorgan and Cowbridge for attending, Sian Bradley and Julian Hiscock from the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge for the buffet lunch, the social services and Angels care teams for their care, and Linda, the warden at Longmeadow Court, for organising and co-ordinating the event.

Also, thanks go to family, friends, neighbours at Longmeadow and well wishers, for all their presents and cards.

Linda Flanagan, Cowbridge

CANCER CHARITY'S GOLFING DAY

A GOLF day is being organised by the Cowbridge office of the NFU Mutual Insurance with all proceeds being donated to the registered charity 'amserjustintime'.

This charity, set up by BBC Wales personality Shan Cothi, is dedicated to providing valuable support to help to patients and their families affected by pancreatic cancer.

The event takes place at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl on May 14, and there are still a few tee times available for anyone wishing to support this worthy cause.

A similar event held last year raised more than £5,000 for The Heronsbridge Special School, Bridgend and the organisers are hoping to reach that target again this year.

For further details please contact the Cowbridge office of the NFU Mutual telephone 01446 772057.

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Rotary car boot sales

THE dates for car boot sales organised by Cowbridge Rotary Club in May and June are as follows: Sunday, May 9, and Sunday, June 13.

These dates supercede any dates previously published.

COWBRIDGE BRIDGE CLUB news update

BRIDGE results in Cowbridge recently are as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Club (April 19): 1st, Simon and Debbie Richards 67.36 per cent; 2nd, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams 61.11; 3rd, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler 59.72; 4th, Jonathan Richards and Simon Gottschalk 55.56; 5th, Mike Best and David Birt 54.51; 6th, Emma and Tony Disley 53.82.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club (April 20): 1st, Mary Thomas and John Ireson 62.88 per cent; 2nd, Pat and Brian Swain 59.85; 3rd, Pam Higgs and Sara Bartlett, 57.92; 4th, Amy Owen and Dot Isaac 55.83; 5th, Terri Pollard and David Wright 53.79; 6th, Debbie Rosevear and Mearl Owen 52.08.

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WORKING TOWARDS GREEN AGENDA AT Y BONT FAEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUNDRAISING between pupils and parents at Y Bont Faen Primary School has made huge strides in the last term, *a school spokesperson reports.*

The PTA has begun a partnership with the school eco committee to see how the school can fundraise in a green fashion to provide cash for eco projects.

PTA chair Richard Watson and trustee Jayne Morris met the 14-strong committee, ranging from 5 year olds in reception up to 11 year olds in year-6.

They came up with the idea of recycling old clothes, and also everything else, from the usual glass, plastic and paper, and plastic bottle tops for the Ty Hafren hospice appeal.

The PTA found out about a company called bags2school, who will buy used clothes and soft toys.

The pupils designed posters and a newsletter, and had soon collected a remarkable 100 bags, netted the school eco committee £184.

It was so successful they are having another collection in the new school year. Sadly, even the Ddraig Coch went in the pot for the sake of being green!

The eco committee is now on a mission to complete 'Generation Green' – a scheme run by British Gas, which rewards green conduct with eco-friendly equipment such as wormeries and compost bins!

A PTA spokeswoman said: "This will be a great help with creating a nature and outdoor adventure play area for the whole school to enjoy."

VICTORIAN SCHOOL

The children spent the whole day on the last day of term living school life like a Victorian schoolchild.

There were some fabulous costumes, and the classroom was transformed for the day with the governess giving out punishments, including the wearing of the Welsh knot.

The children enjoyed Victorian activities, such as making silhouettes of each other, making pinhole cameras,writing on slates aand with pen and ink, and playing Victorian games.

PTA DONATES £2,000 TO SCHOOL

The PTA has just donated £2,000 to the school and an interactive whiteboard, computer system and media system which has been purchased and set up in the hall.

The spokeswoman added: "This has been really helpful for the curriculum, but also it has been used after school to set up the Bont Faen Film club, which will show films once a month as a joint venture between the school and the PTA.

"Last week, we had our first showing of *Alvin and the Chipmunks – the Squeekal* and *G Force* and with our first showing we gave away more than 100 tickets.

"The popcorn and sweets helped to raise even more money for the pot! The next showing will be *Avatar* – see the school website for details!"

IGNITE HOPE RETURNS TO COWBRIDGE

IGNITE HOPE, which began in 2008 as an initiative between churches in south Wales to help demonstrate Christian faith and love in action returns to Cowbridge soon.

Each person is committed to giving 15 hours of social action as part of the bank holiday weekend.

Teams of youngsters sent out to projects throughout Cardiff, the Vale and the Valleys.

Following the success of the project in Cowbridge — a free car-wash, five-a-side footie tournament, the painting of Poplars Park railings and a Sunday service for the residents of Longmeadow Court — Ignite Hope will be back with another team to offer more of the same during the coming Bank Holiday Weekend.

Kate Hibbert, the project organiser, and a member of the Parish of Cowbridge said:

"We have decided to offer another free car wash (with the support of Cowbridge Fire Station's Red Watch) and this time include mini valets.

"We will be painting the railings in Poplars Park again to help maintain them and we'll be renovating the benches as well as cleaning the stream. But, the main attraction is 'Family Fun in the Park' on Monday afternoon.

"There will be lots of fun activities, including a bouncy castle, 'art attack,' making and sailing model rafts, a duck race and even a fancy dress competition.

"There are £10 prizes for the best children's fancy dress and for the best adult's fancy hat. There will be races and games – a bit like an old fashioned sports day.

"We want to offer an event where, as a local church, we can build relationships and serve the community's needs."

Of course, a hoard of hungry hard-working teenagers needs feeding. Canon Derek Belcher will be donning his pinny and cooking up a storm at the Rectory over the weekend. Canon Derek said:

"I ran the Abbot's kitchen restaurant at Margam Abbey, so I'm no stranger to catering and I'm really looking forward to having the Rectory full of young people."

On Sunday evening, the Ignite team will be having a barbecue with the new Youth Alpha group in Cowbridge and sharing their experiences with them.

Sunday Youth Alpha, run by Richard and Leone Haines, takes place at Holy Cross on Sunday evenings from 6.30pm.

Anyone aged 11-18 is welcome to come along and find out what it's all about.

Kate would also like to thank everyone in the town who has supported Ignite Hope 2010 previously.

Canon Derek Belcher with project organiser Kate Hibbert and Youth Alpha leaders Richard and Leone Haines.

Pioneering walks arrive in the Vale

LLANTWIT MAJOR will take its place in walking history, as it pioneers cutting-edge e-trail technology which will mean that anyone can get hold of walks, anytime, anywhere, using only a phone!

Ramblers Cymru is keen to promote all forms of digital walking trails and since the beginning of this year, have been in consultation with local groups including Valeways, Llantwit Town Council and the local history society, to develop six 'e-trail' routes. The project has been funded by Creative Rural Communities.

The e-trails make use of modern smartphone technology and GPS, as well as various web-based media to act as a digital walking guide.

By 2012, more than 70 per cent of the 40 million phone users in the UK will have this modern technology. This has the potential to revolutionise interpretation and education, opening up a host of possibilities in promoting walking to new groups.

Rob Hannah of Ramblers Cymru commented: "We are delighted and proud to be involved in this emerging technology."

Llantwit Major 'guinea pigs' are busy testing the technology by using a smart phone on their walks and trialling interaction with websites that are under development.

Local councillor Eddie James pointed out: "There are big opportunities here to promote tourism."

Another word for droppings!

RECENT letters to The GEM on the subject of animal droppings have suggested, by its notable omission, that the writers have forgotten that there is an old, correct and inoffensive word for it; dung (hence dung beetle).

Poo(h)' is a childish, exclamatory, nose pinching reaction to a bad smell.

Dung is produced by horse, cow, bear, bison, buffalo, elephant, camel and many other animals.

Not until it is spread on the land as fertilizer should it be described as 'manure'.

It makes a good fire for human warmth and cooking, when it has a different name; fuel.

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VALE MAN IS JAILED FOR DEALING IN COCAINE

Court report by AJ SICLUNA

A Vale man has been jailed for four and a half years at Cardiff Crown Court for dealing in a Class A drug, cocaine.

The court heard that when police searched the Penarth home of Justin Miller (34), they found cocaine with a street value of £1,900.

He later told officers that he was acting as a custodian for the majority of it.

He told the court that he obtained cocaine from a man in Penarth who asked him to act as custodian for a large amount, and also for a set of digital scales.

Miller admitted possessing the drug with intent to supply but on the basis of being a custodian.

However, Judge Paul Thomas said his explanation was "implausible".

He said Miller had been caught red-handed and was a commercial cocaine dealer.

Prosecutor John Lloyd said police discovered the cocaine, most of which was in a wardrobe and in 42 wraps, when they searched his home on November 17.

He said to the police "I am holding it for someone."

The court heard he had served 18 months for dealing in Class B drugs.

Miller told the court: "I was not a dealer and I was just holding the cocaine."

He said he took it at the time because he was unwell and was "not thinking straight".

He said he was offered a small amount of the cocaine to feed his own addiction, and was told by the supplier that the £800 he owed him for drugs would be reduced.

He said that at the time he was desperate.

The court heard that he had been due to go with his family on holiday to Jamaica on May 2.

His counsel Owen Williams said: "There was no evidence to suggest he was an active dealer.

"There was no evidence of an extravagant lifestyle other than this holiday to Jamaica, which was being financed by his father."

Mr Williams pointed out that he had a debilitating illness which involves a reduced life expectancy.

The judge told him: "You are a commercial dealer and the courts will always deal severely with those who supply Class A drugs commercially."

LATEST NEWS FROM LLANDOW KART CLUB

Chell Brothers in fine form in the sunshine

GLORIOUS weather graced round three of Llandow Kart Club's summer championship which, thanks to the annual visit of the RAF Premier series, boasted the biggest entry of the year, with 75 drivers in action.

Although the Bambino class only featured one driver, there was no lack of talent as Morgan Chell, younger brother of Junior TKM 2-Stroke ace Ross, hired one of two karts owned by Llandow KC and set the fastest lap yet seen in the fledgling category, despite never having driven it before.

Brother Ross, meanwhile, had to deal with slightly more competition, taking on the biggest Junior TKM 2-Stroke field of the year, but still came away with a clean sweep and a new lap record of his own.

He didn't have it easy, however, being chased hard in the final by Isobel Storrar and Sebastian Hutchinson, who completed the podium in second and third respectively.

There was also a clean sweep for Harry Williams in Cadet Comer, which left the real action to a good battle for second between Lewis Griffiths and Louis Griffith-Walker, eventually settled in Griffiths' favour. Debutant Scott Morris finished a superb fourth.

Cadet Honda boiled down to a battle between Ari White, who won two heats, and Yousuf Ashraf, who was handed the other by a White DNF. As expected, the pair went head-to-head in the final, with White coming out on top, while Daniel Thomas was third

While Chell senior was dominating the 2-Stroke class, Junior TKM 4-Stroke saw Zach Jones and Andrew Davies share the heat wins and face off in the final. Jones was leading when matters were decided by an unfortunate coming together between the pursuing Davies and backmarker Matthew Steddy, which brought out the red flags.

Fortunately, neither driver was hurt in the incident, but it left Jones to win the restarted race from cousin Liam.

Lloyd Sealy and Daniel Jones shared the heat wins in Junior Honda, but their rivalry did not last in the final, as Jones spun attempting a move for the lead, allowing Sealy to win with ease. Jamie Warren assumed second place, while Chris Jones moved briefly into third before his kart shed a chain, allowing his brother to recover a spot on the podium.

Junior Rotax produced a gripping series of races, with Oliver Pidgley and Ryan Wheeler sharing the heat wins before renewing their rivalry in the final. Pidgley led early on but was caught and passed by Wheeler, who held on for a narrow win. Dean Clayton was a close third, with Guernseyman Kasey Watson fourth.

A clean sweep for Morgan Rose belied the competition in Mini Max, with Ben Davies, James Williams and Guy Wenham all running the winner close at various points. Rose duly dominated final, with Davies snatching second from Williams late on.

Despite five runners being a slight improvement on last month, Senior Honda produced a superb final battle between double heat winner Simon Evans and reigning champion Gareth Lewis.

The lead changed hands six times before Evans eventually triumphed. Paul Saunders claimed the third podium spot after a spin for Ferdinand Ball relieved the pressure. Ball recovered to take fourth.

The visiting RAF Premier class provided a welcome 15-strong grid, with Chris Guy, Rob Andrews and Chris Davies all taking heat wins. Davies duly led the final from start to finish, with Andrews chasing, but the star of the show was Claire Kemp, who recovered from two heat DNFs to come from last to third in the main event.

Senior Rotax again produced a strong field, with heat wins being shared by Dan Jones, Craig Mooney and Matthew Dowers. Jones started the final from pole and led from lights to flag, with Mooney chasing, while Chris Davis battled back from a heat two crash to take third place.

Rotax 177, meanwhile, was once again the preserve of Wayne Stone, who won with a new lap record after Simon Wheeler retired.

RESULTS

BAMBINO
1. Morgan Chell (CRG)

CADET COMER
1. Harry Williams (Zip)
2. Lewis Griffiths (Zip)
3. Louis Griffith-Walker (Zip)

CADET HONDA
1. Ari White (Project One)
2. Yousuf Ashraf (Project One)
3. Daniel Thomas (Project One)

JUNIOR HONDA
1. Lloyd Sealy (MS)
2. Jamie Warren (Jade)
3. Daniel Jones (MS)

JUNIOR TKM
1. Ross Chell (Tonykart)
2. Isobel Storrar (X30)
3. Sebastian Hutchinson (Intrepid)

JUNIOR TKM 4 STROKE
1. Zach Jones (Jade)
2. Liam Jones (Jade)
3. Matthew Steddy (Tal-Ko)

JUNIOR ROTAX
1. Ryan Wheeler (Tonykart)
2. Oliver Pidgley (Alonso)
3. Dean Clayton (Alonso)

MINI MAX
1. Morgan Rose (Tonykart)
2. Ben Davies (Gillard)
3. James Williams (Tonykart)

SENIOR HONDA
1. Simon Evans (7Kart)
2. Gareth Lewis (7Kart)
3. Paul Saunders (7Kart)

SENIOR ROTAX
1. Dan Jones (Tony)
2. Craig Mooney (CRG)
3. Chris Davis (Storm)

ROTAX 177
1. Wayne Stone (Tonykart)
2. Simon Wheeler (CRG)

RAF PREMIER
1. Chris Davies (Gillard)
2. Rob Andrews 9Sodi)
3. Claire Kemp (Alonso)

Best Novice: **Alex Thomas** (Junior Honda)
Best Presented Cadet: **Ross Thomas**
Best Presented RAF: **Gary Hall**
Driver of the Day: **Scott Morris** (Cadet Comer)

CRAIG LLEWELLYN
HENRY BEAUDETT

LLANTWIT FUN DAY

ACTIVITIES for all the family will be on offer during a Llantwit Major fun day hosted by the Vale Adult Learning Network on May 22.

The venue for the event will the Llantwit Major youth centre car park, and highlights will be an afternoon of storytelling by David Ambrose, an eagerly-awaited photo-challenge competition (arrive early to pick up those clues) and plenty of stalls with free 'Green' learning activities.

With the support of the network, there will also be lots of information on learning opportunities, career opportunities, job searching and volunteering.

The day runs from 10am-3.30pm.

For more information, telephone Sally at Cowbridge Community College on 01446 773831.

'Site access is not council's responsibility'

May I, on behalf of the Vale Council, thank all residents continuing to use the household waste recycling centre at Llandow, but apologise that the existing dreadful conditions of the industrial estate site access roads are making use of the site so difficult.

While the council's own highway maintenance division have already recognised the need to carry out repair works on the public highway outside the Llandow Industrial Estate site, the private access roads within the site are not the responsibility of the authority but the site owners.

Regrettably, it is outside the control of the council to force them to make the necessary repairs.

I can assure residents that, since starting to receive complaints from residents in February 2010, I have been in regular contact with the owner's agents with responsibility for maintaining the estate's access roads.

However, despite assurances in February that the repair works would be carried out within the next few weeks, complaints in respect of the appalling and possibly potentially dangerous condition of the road surface are still being made and, as yet, nothing has been done to rectify the problem

The latest communication with the owner's agents informed me that they propose relaying the existing roads with new concrete ones which, while providing an answer to the problem, will result in considerable disruption to site use during the construction stage.

This will be limited as much as possible by the re-opening of previously blocked off access roads at the rear estate road close to the HWRC on the estate.

I would, therefore, ask our site users to try to continue to support our recycling and composting services at the Llandow HWRC, even in these very difficult times.

Having made a commitment to carry out the repairs to the roads in March, 2010, I simply cannot believe that there will be any further delay in this work being addressed.

Clifford Parish,
Operational Manager (waste management and cleansing),
Vale Council.

Use your vote and have your say on 6 May

Will you be having your say on General Election day? Casting your vote on Thursday 6 May means you will be helping to choose the person who will represent your community in parliament for up to five years.

The UK parliament makes decisions which affect our everyday lives and this is your chance to have a say on who represents you in Westminster. That's why it's vitally important to use your vote.

If you are registered to vote here in Bridgend County Borough you will be in one of two constituencies – Bridgend or Ogmore. There are six candidates standing for each constituency and your vote will help decide which one will be your next MP.

You can visit bridgend.gov.uk for a full list of candidates for the Bridgend and Ogmore constituencies. Their party websites and other information like leaflets will give you more background on each candidate, their party and their policies.

All polling stations will be open on Thursday 6 May from **7am to 10pm** so that you can vote whenever is most convenient to you. Your poll card will tell you where your polling station is. Voting is very straight forward but there will be staff at each polling station who will be able to answer your questions or provide you with any special assistance you may need to cast your vote. You can visit a 'virtual polling station' at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

If you've chosen to have a postal vote, read the instructions carefully when filling out the form which comes with your ballot paper. When you have filled in both the form and the ballot paper, put them in the envelopes provided, seal them and post them immediately to Bridgend County Borough Council's Electoral Services team. They must be received by Thursday 6 May otherwise they cannot be counted.

If you have chosen a 'proxy vote' because you are unable to get to a polling station on election day you should follow the instructions which come with your form which will allow someone you trust to cast your vote for you.

Please use your vote and have your say on 6 May!

More information

You can get more information about voting by:

- **Contacting Bridgend County Borough Council's Electoral Services team on 01656 643116**
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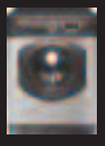

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NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

A journey through the past – with a computer

PEOPLE have been putting in a lot of time to make family history research easier to do.

Our guest speaker, Dr Diane Brook, took the members of Penarth Computer club through the methods of tackling a family project from start to finish. Except that there is never a finish, as there are always more avenues to explore and fascinating details to discover.

The starting point is to talk to the family and write down the information and family legends for verification. Collect any information available from family papers such as saved letters, cards, diaries and wills.

You might come across another family member who has already done some research into their branch of the family. Then there are the birth, marriage and death certificate registers and the national census.

Many other sources include parish registers, newspapers, court proceedings, leases, pedigrees and monumental inscriptions.

Dr Brook explained how the web had grown as a source (and still is). Census records can now be viewed on-line and more and more official archives are being digitised and made available.

Various groups of enthusiasts have been transcribing records into a form more suitable for putting on the web and the mass of information is growing all the time. Sometimes it is a bit patchy, but it is getting better.

There followed a tour of the bes-known web sites and what they are capable of doing.

Some are completely free to use and others require some payment – usually, but not always modest. They are named (with a web link) in the PowerPoint presentation that can be downloaded from our website at penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

Dr Brook gave a few tips on things that might work if your search seems to hit a buffer. A favourite is to check a census for those living near the person you are tracking. This often turns up other family members who still live close by as frequently families clustered in a small area of town.

There are websites that can add colour to the bald information. Examples included language translation and literary traditions. On such sites those with specialist knowledge happily and helpfully offer answers to questions.

Somewhat strangely, the service records from the first world war appear to have survived after being declared lost; then found but declared burnt; then found to have been only a little burnt around the edges and now largely intact. One slide shows an example.

Because record-keeping is a human activity, the records are not always perfect. It is possible that birth dates or places are incorrect. Several instances were given where, in the process of cross-checking sources, it was possible to make corrections to the official record.

The process of making family history research easier is continuing.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 27. It will be a forum on organising and backing-up files. Visitors and new members always welcome. For more information ring me on 029 20708439.

Howard Desmond, chairman

AM warns of 'silent summer'

SUMMER could turn silent, according to Plaid AM Chris Franks if the decline in wildlife and plant life continues.

The AM called for action during Business Questions in the Senedd.

The Plaid Cymru AM said: "A new report, 'Silent Summer', details a decline in wildlife and plants that makes grim reading. Farmland birds, brown hares, water voles and many butterflies are suffering significant decline. That is often due to new farming practices and habitat degradation.

"However, there are also success stories: for example: red kites, otters and sea birds are all flourishing. However, at least half of the 220 bird species are of conservation concern.

"These problems are due to human activities, and, therefore, the solution is also in our hands."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Spring draw

ST CANNA'S CHURCH, LLANGAN, 100 Club spring draw winners:

First, Glyn and Sheila Jones, 2nd Nancy Jenkins, 3rd Brian Wilson, 4th Raymond Jacques, 5th Paul Rees. Next draw will take place in July.

Village hub

TREOES COMMUNITY HALL is really the hub of the village, with several interesting activities taking place on a weekly basis.

On Tuesday evenings, the Brownies use the hall. It has been their base for many years. The first and third Wednesday of each month is the venue for a very successful art class; Wednesday evenings is for members' table tennis.

Thursday afternoons see the Young at Heart meeting and the first Monday of each month is the venue for the Llangan Community Council meetings (evening). The community hall has also become a popular venue for children's parties.

Get well!

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Get well message from members to chairman Arthur Thomas for a speedy recovery from the illness which has prevented him from attending meetings.

Arthur can be assured that his other half Jean is a very proficient bingo caller!

Hazardous road

IT is now five weeks since workmen from the Vale Council came along the road leading from the Pencoed to Pentre Meurig towards Llangan.

They filled in a few holes with, it seems, a few remnants of tarmac, which of course, lasted a few weeks...

Yellow paint was placed around the wide and deep holes in readiness, so we thought, for the holes to be repaired.

Of course, the paint has disappeared and the holes have become even more hazardous.

The powers that be have put Llangan's road problems on the back boiler. Now I see the yellow markings are through the village of Treoes and on the way to Horsfair Road.

If and when the work is carried out, perhaps they could possibly clear the ditch on the road outside Treoes?

There is a vast amount of paper which has accumulated over the past weeks.

Local students join Mensa elite

Congratulations go to years 10, 11 and 12 pupils at St Cyres school – Grace Hartrey, Krishna Patel, Thomas Peterken (not pictured) and Clare Roberts, who have all qualified to join Mensa.

Mensa was founded in England in 1946 by Roland Berrill, a barrister, and Dr Lance Ware, a scientist and lawyer.

They had the idea of forming a society for bright people, with the only qualification for membership being a high IQ.

The society welcomes people from every walk of life whose IQ is in the top two per cent of the population.

The four pupils were among a group of talented pupils who recently took Mensa IQ tests, with a further nine pupils proving to have an IQ in the top five per cent of the population.

New road mirror

A MIRROR is to be installed by the highways department of the Vale Council at the junction by the Cross Inn, Llanblethian.

Art masterclass

COWBRIDGE Art Society continue the 50th anniversary celebrations on Thursday, May 6, at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, when Swansea-based artist, Valerie Ganz, will be giving a masterclass on 'figure or portraiture'.

As always, non-members and friends will be welcome.

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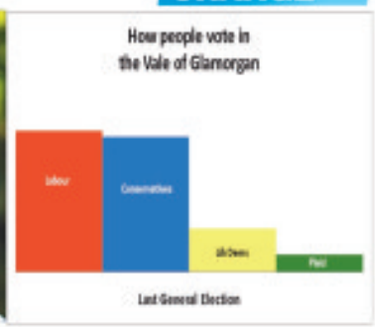

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NEW POLICE SUPER PROUD 'LOCAL BOY'

THE Vale has a new police Superintendent, who is now in command of the station where he joined South Wales Police more than 20 years ago.

Supt Jay Dave first walked the beat on the streets of Barry, Penarth and Cowbridge back in 1988, where he spent the first five years of his policing career as a bobby on the beat.

He returned to Barry as a Chief Inspector in December 2008, and from the start of this month has been promoted to temporary superintendent of Central Division (East) – the former Vale of Glamorgan division.

Commenting on his promotion, Supt Dave said: "I am thrilled and honoured to be given this exciting role.

"I am proud to be a 'local boy' and able to work with our Divisional Commander, Chief Supt Carl Davies and the whole team to make a real and positive difference to the place where I live and work.

"I have lived in the Vale for the past 20 years and I am immensely proud of what previous senior officers and colleagues have done to make this one of the safest areas to live in and visit. I now want to do my utmost to work with the public to keep making things even better.

VALE SUPT JAY DAVE.

"I shall be working closely with colleagues across central division, as well as our partners in the Safer Vale partnership to build upon the successes of the past.

"I am passionate about the service we provide and I want all of my staff doing their utmost to deliver that high level of service.

"I have worked with many of the team of staff we have here for most of my 21 years service. I am very proud of what they do. We are busy and I know from time to time we do fail to deliver the exceptional level of service we all want to.

"If anyone feels we have not lived up to their high expectations of us, I would ask them to contact one of my inspectors. If they are still not satisfied, I am more than happy to deal with the matter personally.

"Members of the public can write to me at Barry police station, telephone me on 01446 731666 or email me at jay.dave@south-wales.pnn.police.uk.

"Another thing I want to do a lot to improve is the confidence people have in us. We have done really well to keep crime levels low and to keep reducing them, but a lot of people who live, work and visit the Vale are unaware of this."

Supt Dave left Barry in 1993, moving to Llanishen police station in Cardiff, where he spent two years. In 1995, he returned to the Vale as a patrol and custody sergeant based in Barry and Penarth.

In 1999, he was promoted to inspector and transferred to police headquarters in Bridgend. It was here that he led a new project aimed at encouraging minority ethnic people to consider a career with the police.

The project was called Dismantling Barriers and focused on the recruitment, retention and progression of black and ethnic minority staff across South Wales Police.

Supt Dave is of Asian origin and was born in Tanzania in East Africa. He is a founder member of the South Wales and Dyfed Powys Black Police Association, having previously been its acting chair.

In March 2006, as a chief inspector, he was posted to Communications Division at South Wales Police where he was the deputy divisional commander.

He had responsibility for all aspects of operations, including the three area control rooms and links with 101.

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Barry College - Celebrating half a century at the heart of the Vale.

Barry College is celebrating 50 years of its life and work at the heart of the community in the Vale. Each month in the Gem, Barry College will be looking back over the last 50 years – with memories and photographs from past students, staff and local residents. To look at photographs of College life from the last 50 years, log on to our Facebook page 'I ❤ BARRY'. To contribute memories, photographs or register as a past student or staff member, contact us by email: 50years@barry.ac.uk or tel: 01446 725015

Mike Bolas, Director of Personnel and Clerk to the Governors, 1974 - 2007

Mike started his career at Barry College in 1974 at the age of 24 as College Registrar. He worked at the College until August 2007. During those 33 years, he saw many changes to the life and work of the College. Here, he focuses on a few that past students and staff may enjoy looking back on:

"Students from the 1970s and 1980s may remember James, the College cat. He originally belonged to the first caretakers, Mr and Mrs Kear – who lived on-site in the bungalow. When they retired and left the bungalow the cat wanted to stay. He used to sit in the Principal's office and had a favourite chair. It was an unwritten rule that if the cat was sat in 'his' chair, you wouldn't move him – you would have to sit somewhere else! James had a good life and made it to the age of 18 – an elderly gentleman in cat years!"

"Back in the late 1970s the most revolutionary piece of equipment was an overhead projector (OHP). The College only had a few. One day whilst walking through the College I noticed a classroom full of students who, on first glance, looked as if they were all sleeping with their heads resting on the back of their seats. On further inspection I realised that they were in fact having a lesson and the tutor had interpreted "overhead projector" quite literally and was projecting the images onto the ceiling!"

I had just over 33 very enjoyable years working for Barry College with many memories to last a life time.

Mike hard at work back in the 1970s

James – The College cat. Picture taken in 1984

You are invited to Barry College's 50th Birthday Party!

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Place: Barry College, Colcot Road

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More details of Barry College's 50th Birthday Party will appear in our next feature page in the Gem on 27th May.

Do you have a special memory or story about Barry College?
Do you have any photographs of Barry College taken over the years?

Whether a past student, member of staff, friend of the College or local resident – we all share in the College's heritage. All those who contribute photographs or written memories will receive a thank you letter and commemorative gift.

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'Majority of residents are satisfied with our services' – says council

INDEPENDENT research indicates that the majority of Vale residents are satisfied with the service provided by the Vale Council, a spokeswoman reported this week.

She said that 1,000 residents were interviewed face-to-face in their homes by market research company CelloMR UK, last November and December.

"The residents were randomly sampled and quotas were used to ensure that the mix of respondents was representative of the Vale's population."

The council commissions an independent public opinion survey every two years to find out residents' opinion of its services. The results help inform service planning and, in particular, the results help council departments pinpoint any problem areas.

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the council commented: "The survey findings are extremely positive and it's reassuring to see that the majority of Vale residents are happy with the services we provide.

"The council provides hundreds of services and comes into contact with thousands of customers. Of course, at times there can be problems and it is impossible for any council to please everyone all of the time.

"What we can do is aim to please the majority, and this independent survey clearly demonstrates that the council achieves this aim.

"Our staff deserve to be congratulated on the outcome of the survey," Coun Kemp added.

The survey found that 92 per cent of respondents were satisfied with the overall service provided by the council – compared to 90 per cent two years ago.

The report stated that residents are proud to live in the Vale, with 95 per cent agreeing with this statement – up from 93 per cent two years ago.

There has been a fall in the percentage of respondents saying that the Vale is a safe place to live at 81 per cent, down from 86 per cent two years ago. The survey offered insights such as the 43 per cent of respondents who never use public transport.

Satisfaction with waste management and cleansing overall was 94 per cent (compared with 95 per cent in 2007). Satisfaction with highways is still high at 93 per cent, but down from 97 per cent.

NSPCC branch elects committee

The annual general meeting of Barry Central branch of the NSPCC was held recently.

The committee was "pleased" to have had a very successful year of fund-raising and wish to thank all its supporters.

The committee members voted in for the following year were: chairman – Lesley Hughes, secretary – Rowenna Douglas, treasurer – Jackie Hayman, ticket secretary – Valmai Hunter and press secretary – Hilary Kelly.

Well known phrase or saying!

MERTHYR MAWR WI NEWS

AT the April meeting, president Margaret Batten welcomed Phil Carradice, the speaker for the evening.

A man of many talents – writer, teacher, historian, broadcaster, Phil gave an interesting talk entitled 'Where did that come from'.

There are many phrases we use in everyday life without a thought as to where they originate from.

He explained the origin of many phrases such as 'white elephant', 'rule of thumb' and 'to eat humble pie'. The talk was interspersed by a few readings of his own poems. Thanks were given by Alice Coulter.

Members were reminded of forthcoming events. The half-yearly council meeting will be on April 22, when the speaker will be Ruth Jones and the link meeting will be at Colwinston, with the 'Singing Speaker.

The next meeting on May 5 at Ewenny Community Hall, will be the resolutions meeting and a bring and buy stall will be held in aid of Light a Candle. **FC**

Police plea after M4 crash

POLICE have repeated their appeal for witnesses to contact them, following a fatal crash between junctions 34 and 35 on Friday, April 23 at about 10am.

Two vehicles were involved – an articulated lorry and a white Ford Transit van. The lorry driver, Stephen Paul Jones (51) from the Kent area, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Contact the serious collision investigation unit at South Wales Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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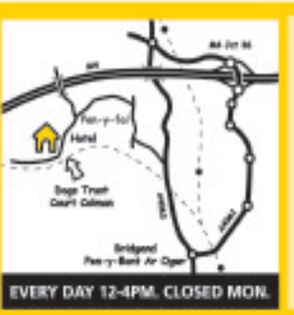

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Give a Little, Gain a Lot

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir get to the church on time (well, almost!)

THE CONCERT THAT (NEARLY) NEVER WAS!

AT precisely 8.30 on the evening of Saturday, April 24, two coaches arrived at St Giles Church, Northampton, to an enthusiastic welcome from those choir members who had elected to drive the long journey and who had arrived several hours earlier.

The ironic part of this story is that the concert had been due to start at 7.30pm, but the coach transporting the main body of the choir from Cowbridge had broken down irretrievably at the junction of the M4 and the A34 (Chieveley) and two other smaller replacement coaches had had to be scrambled at the last minute to replace the main coach.

As seasoned troupers, the choir went immediately on stage to a thunderous welcome from the large audience, who had waited patiently in this magnificent church for the concert to start.

The audience proved most responsive and received the choir's varied programme with immense enthusiasm and loud applause, which more than made up for the horrendous journey choristers had had to undertake, having left Llantwit Major at 1pm – a journey of seven hours!

Shelley Thomas-Brown (musical director) and Sandra Williams (accompanist) were both clad in spectacular black and silver dresses and both performed outstandingly at the concert, which raised more than £1,500 for the Hope Centre.

The centre provides practical support through their canteen, shower and bathroom facilities, clothes store and needle exchange.

The Big Issue base for Northamptonshire provides 20 clients with the opportunity to earn a legitimate income by selling the Big Issue magazine across Northamptonshire. It runs workshops and activities to engage people in meaningful activities and to help them to build their self esteem, confidence and a variety of useful skills. Any of their clients can access the programme free of charge.

A fortnight earlier, on April 10, the choir had sung at a prestigious wedding in Llandaff Cathedral of which the highlight was the choir and congregation singing the great Welsh hymn 'Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer' to the thunderous accompaniment of the cathedral's new organ – which created an unforgettable sound for the happy bride and groom.

The choir's next 'home' concert will be their annual concert in Cowbridge Leisure Centre, sponsored by Redrow Homes Ltd, on Saturday, May 22 at 7pm.

Tickets at £7.50 can be obtained from Sorrento, Barnes Dry Cleaning and the Cowbridge Leisure Centre in Cowbridge, Gwyneth J Morgan, Optometrist, Llantwit Major, or the Charity Shop in Pontyclun.

BOB WHITAKER

Spring blooms!

Llanfair Primary School Gardening Club show off their colourful flowers in bloom. The children "really enjoy the club" which runs after school once a week.

Red Fox quiz night supports Red Cross

A CURRY and quiz night will be held at the Red Fox Inn in Penllyn to raise money for Red Cross services in Wales, during the charity's annual fundraising week on May 6 at 7.30pm.

Linda Amoss, the event coordinator, said: "I am so grateful to the owners of the Red Fox Inn for their support. We rely on the generosity of people like Richard and George to ensure we can continue to support vulnerable people in times of crisis.

"I appeal to the public to help us to make sure this event is a success. They can be confident that their efforts are helping us to deliver vital services and the evening promises to be great fun."

Within the local area, the Red Cross runs two daycare centres, and works with both primary and secondary schools, teaching first aid and humanitarian education to young people of all ages.

Tickets for the event cost £10 – £4 goes directly to support the Red Cross. A prize will be awarded to the person who wears red in the most original way!

Cowbridge news in brief

COWBRIDGE town councillors were told by Insp Mark Taylor at their last meeting that only one person attended a recent PACT meeting in the town.

Members agreed to urge residents to attend these meetings so that police are fully informed of any issues or problems that are taking place.

VALE of Glamorgan Council has seven teams and two extra inspectors working on potholes throughout the Vale.

Coun Geoff Cox, cabinet member for highways, told the town council that extra inspectors were needed to check the highway network and then the repairs could be authorised.

The severe winter weather has been blamed nationally for a huge increase in potholes.

COUNCILLORS raised road safety concerns caused by indiscriminate parking at a number of places in Cowbridge.

These include the disabled bays on High Street and the junction of St Athan Road and Eastgate.

A MARKETING plan to promote Cowbridge Town Plan is being prepared by the town council.

Councillors have volunteered to survey people visiting the town hall on two successive Saturdays when questionnaires were filled in.

COWBRIDGE is hoping to cash in on the popularity of the Vale in the wake of the Gavin and Stacey TV comedy.

The chamber of trade is already working on a plan to increase day visitors and those wanting a short break staying in local hotels.

Coun Sue Cox told the town council that she had attended a tourism conference at the Bear Hotel, which had analysed the impact on tourism of the TV programme.

She said that a new website was being created to cater for the increased demand for holidays in the area.

COUN Len Taylor has been nominated as Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian.

He will be installed at the annual meeting in May., but there was a fight for the position of deputy mayor, with Coun Andy Banks being elected ahead of Coun J Wilks.

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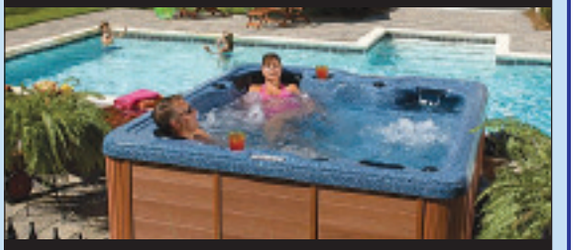

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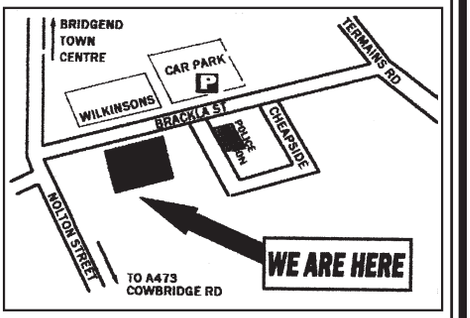

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LIFE LONG LEARNING AWARDS

Vale Council cabinet member for education and lifelong learning Coun Tony Hampton celebrates the success of local students on independent living skills courses organised by the authority's lifelong learning service.

Students recognised for 'independent living skills'

SUCCESSES of students on independent living skills courses organised by the Vale Council's lifelong learning service have been recognised.

Certificates are awarded by the Open College Network for successful completion of classes ranging from IT to arts and crafts and cookery to self advocacy.

Presenting the certificates, council cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, Coun Tony Hampton (*pictured left*) said: "I am delighted to have this opportunity of celebrating these successes and acknowledging the hard work of both the students and their tutors."

For information about classes for adults with learning difficulties, contact the Open Learning Centre on 01446 736466.

NATURAL HEALTH SHOW CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

UK astrology favourite and star of television's 'Most Haunted', David Wells, is one of the high-profile guests appearing at The Natural Health Show at the Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spar Naturel on Newport Road, Cardiff, from May 8-9.

This year's 30th anniversary show is sure to attract visitors from across the UK keen to enjoy a weekend of "relaxation, pampering, entertainment and enlightenment".

Offering information on natural health, holistic healing and spiritual wellbeing in luxurious surroundings, the show is the perfect springtime antidote to a long, hard winter.

The event has a star-studded line-up, guaranteed to lift people's spirits:

Patrick Holford – a UK expert in health and nutrition and author of 'Ten Secrets of 100% Healthy People' following a survey of 55,000 individuals.

Donna Eden – who claims to have cured herself of various ailments through 'energy medicine'.

Sandy Newbigging – UKTV's 'mind detoxer' and weight-loss expert, also an author whose concepts and methods have been televised to people in 30 countries.

Dr David Hamilton – scientist and author will be talking about the positive physical effects of kindness on the human body.

For further information about the Natural Health Show and the speakers, contact Kim Dowdell on 01446 796065, info@visionforliving.co.uk.

The Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa is at 29 Newport Road.

TEN FREE WEEKEND PASSES are available to GEM readers. Telephone applications to 01446 796965 or e-mail info@visionforliving.co.uk, quoting GEM 29/4 offer.

Council's free checks to rectify electrical faults

THE Vale Council's trading standards and housing departments have been conducting free safety checks on residents' personal portable electrical appliances.

Left to right: Kate Palmer of the Vale's trading standards department, Leigh Caveney, housing manager, together with residents from Gwenog Court, Barry, who had items tested.

By obtaining external funding from the Electrical Safety Council, the teams were able to visit a number of council-owned venues over five days to test, repair and, if necessary, remove items.

The teams visited residents at Longmeadow Court in Cowbridge, Crawshay Court in Llantwit Major, Redlands House in Penarth and Gwenog Court in Barry.

More than 280 items were tested and of these, 30 per cent were deemed to be unsafe. Minor repairs were carried out to a small number of items.

Kate Palmer of the Vale's trading standards team said: "This highlights the large number of potentially hazardous electrical items that people continue to use without being aware of the danger. It is essential to check your electrical items for signs of wear or damage and replace when appropriate. This survey has made the residents of the sheltered housing schemes safer in their homes."

For more information about the project, please contact Kate Palmer on 01446 709105. More information on Trading Standards can be found on our website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

'Question Time' with the Vale candidates

BARRY Comprehensive School joined in the election debate by holding a public 'Question Time' with five of the Vale's prospective parliamentary candidates on Tuesday, April 20.

The candidates who took part were Alun Cairns (Conservative), Alana Davies (Labour), Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru), Kevin Mahoney (UKIP) and Eluned Parrott (Liberal Democrats), and the chairman was Malcolm Phillips (head of history).

The audience enjoyed coffee and cakes before the event began, and after a lively 90 minutes of questions, answers and debate, the audience and candidates had time to meet and chat.

In addition to questions from local residents, the candidates had to field tricky questions from pupils Oliver Batt (17), Caelum Davies (15), Christopher Bravey (18) and Thomas Moffat (17).

David Swallow, the headteacher, commented: "Everyone at Barry Comprehensive is delighted with how well Question Time was received. The event was very well attended and gave the public the chance to hear the candidates' answers to a wide range of questions.

"It was also an excellent opportunity for pupils in the audience to engage with politics and debate with the candidates. We are grateful to everyone who made the event possible, and also for the kind comments received from both the audience and the candidates at the end of the evening."

Sean, Amin, Michael and Mitchell selling cakes to hungry customers.

Real Radio presenters Wiggy and Quinney called in to congratulate the boys.

Pupils' brilliant idea to support Ty Hafan

BARRY Comprehensive School's year-7 pupil Sean Mayor came up with a brilliant idea to support Real Radio's 'Bring A Pound To Work Day For Ty Hafan' on April 15.

Instead of just asking for donations at school, Sean and his team, Michael Margetts, Mitchell Pierce and Amin Ullah, baked a huge selection of fresh cakes to sell to raise cash. The boys set up a stall at break-time and pupils and staff soon cleared every plate, raising more than £150 for Ty Hafan.

Real Radio presenters Wiggy and Quinney were so impressed they called into school on their way to Ty Hafan to speak to the boys.

Wiggy, a former pupil at Barry Comprehensive, invited the boys to visit Real Radio to tour the studios and watch him in action.

Help protect the lawns of the Vale

GARDENERS in the Vale and the surrounding areas are being urged to think twice about digging up their lawns to create areas for parking and hard landscaping.

Lawn mower manufacturer, John Deere has launched the National Gardens Park campaign which highlights the environmental benefits of lawns to communities across the land in a bid to help preserve the grass for future generations.

It is estimated that the combined area of our domestic lawns is larger than most of our national parks. They provide a massive range of environmental and social benefits, but they are under threat from the paving slab and the spade as areas for car parking, caravanning, home extensions and landscaping are created.

David Hart of John Deere explained: "Lawns are an icon of our gardens and we neglect them at our peril. We have between 17 and 20 million domestic lawns, the majority of which are in urban and inner city locations.

"We want to highlight the importance of lawns to gardeners. Many people are not aware that lawns help prevent flash flooding, cool temperatures, absorb carbon dioxide which they convert into oxygen and provide a natural environment for birds, animals and insects."

Lawn lovers can log on and show their support by registering at www.johndeere.co.uk/nationalgardenspark to receive campaign updates and seasonal newsletters.

APRIL – THE BUSIEST MONTH OF THE YEAR?

APRIL for the ladies of Barry WI was rather a busy month. We started off as usual with our first Tuesday of the month afternoon meeting where the ladies met for a cuppa and chat.

This was carried on by our weekly meetings of Keep fit (Wednesday mornings) and sewing circle (Thursday afternoon) which are held throughout the month.

Our monthly evening meeting was held on April 20. This month, we had a guest speaker, Matt Quinn, who gave a talk on dementia and Alzheimer's.

April 22 was the half-yearly meeting of the GFWI which was held in St David's Hall, Cardiff. Some of our ladies attended this meeting by catching the local bus (with their bus passes).

The meeting was very interesting for the 650 ladies from the various WIs in the area.

The morning was taken up with the business side of the WI and then a speaker.

The afternoon was the presentation of cups and certificates for various competitions during the half year. This was carried on by another speaker Ruth Jones (Gavin and Stacey) and also Jamie Owen.

April 29 will be our annual link meeting for Barry, Cadoxton, Sully and Penarth Peers WIs. The hosts this time is Penarth Peers and their entertainment will be 'The Four Just Men'.

Our next evening meeting will be on May 18 which will be Resolutions night followed by a fish and chip supper and Call my Bluff.

Further details, contact the secretary 01446 410139.

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Skills finals

MATTHEW MCGRANAGHAN, an apprentice with British Airways Maintenance Cardiff who studied at Barry College, has made it to the finals of the World Skills UK Competition.

The 21-year-old from Llantwit Major will travel to the UK finals of the World Skills Aircraft Maintenance competition to be held at *HMS Sultan* near Gosport on May 26.

The competition is for technicians training for a career in aircraft maintenance who have been two and seven years' experience.

If Matthew is successful, it will not be the first award he has won this year. In March, he scooped the Aeronautical Engineering Award at Barry College's annual prize giving night in March.

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The Common Law Wife ...and Other Fairytales

There are so many different decisions which need to be made when a relationship ends. The hardest one is no doubt the decision that the relationship is over – but the consequences of this will doubtless touch all aspects of your life.

Marriage isn't for everyone but those who choose not to take the plunge should bear in mind that they need to plan and protect to a much greater degree.

It's all in the planning

Kathryn McTaggart of family solicitors Woolley & Co advises cohabiting couples to enter into a Living Together Agreement. This allows you and your partner to consider what practical steps will need to be taken if the worst happens, at a time when you care about each other and can make clear, balanced decisions. Breaking up is hard enough without the additional confusion about who should live where and battles over the toaster. Living Together Agreements allow separating couples to move on as swiftly and smoothly as possible.

We're not married – am I entitled to anything?

The short answer is, unless you have invested financially or made provision in a Living Together Agreement, generally no. The common law spouse is a myth, regardless of how long you and your partner have lived together.

Normally the most significant asset is the house. The starting point is always to consider whose names are on the deeds to the property. There are some circumstances which may allow you to claim an interest in your former partner's home but this is a complicated area of law.

If you are buying a home together for the first time, then do not underestimate how important it is to take advice about how the property should be owned. It could prove invaluable and save you a fortune.

What if my partner won't leave our shared property?

If you have not entered into a Living Together Agreement, then much will depend on how the property is owned, or rented. If it is in joint names, then chances are that you won't be able to force them to go easily in the short term. If your former partner is aggressive, then there are emergency powers to regulate who can live in the home as well as the contact between you.

What if my partner leaves, but stops paying the bills?

If your partner has left and has taken their name off the utility bills, then you will only be able to seek maintenance to help pay these if you were married to each other. The only other maintenance available regardless of marriage is child support which has no relevance to how much your bills are.

What if I die?

Even if you and your partner have lived together for years, if you die without having made a will your property will be more likely to be inherited by your parents or siblings than by your partner, unless there is a court battle.

If you are separating now, and did not enter into a Living Together Agreement at the start of the relationship, there may still be ways to come to an agreement about who gets what, but it's important to make this official in a Separation Agreement.

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Cowbridge Fire Station set for 'Open Day' in May!

COWBRIDGE Fire Station is holding an 'Open Day' on Saturday, May 8, from 10am to 4pm.

The station will be giving the public the chance to learn about the many services which it offers, and giving prospective firefighters, interested in joining the new retained duty system, an idea of what is involved.

The station is managed by Simon Brown, who has worked for South Wales Fire and Rescue Service for 18 years, and each year the crews answer around 300 emergency calls.

Emergencies range from grass and forestry fires, road traffic collisions, flooding, and chemical incidents, to building and house fires.

There are currently 16 firefighters working on the retained duty system (RDS), at Cowbridge Fire Station which means that firefighters living and working in the local area will respond to emergency incidents via an alerter.

Some of the firefighters currently working under the retained duty system at Cowbridge include Dai Thomas, a carpenter, Lianne Carke, a student and athlete, Amanda Kinman, a beauty therapist, Owain Lewis, a sales and service manager at a bank in Cowbridge, Paul Hammlett, a community psychiatric nurse, Nigel James, a material handler for British Airways, and Charles Storey, a managing director.

Simon Brown, Station Manager

The Cowbridge community fire safety officer Paul Hemmings told The GEM that local people should be aware of the many services the station offers.

"We provide people with free home safety checks and alarms. For people who are hard of hearing we can offer an alarm with a flashing light and a vibrating pad under the pillow.

"In domestic terms, one of our greatest worries is people using chip pans which should be replaced by deep fat fryers.

"During a home visit we go through kitchen safety, electrical safety, the dangers of smoking, candles and open fires, and advice in terms of a night time checking routine and escape plans.

"Another thing we stress is the importance of keeping an eye out for elderly or vulnerable neighbours."

Paul works with district nurses and local organisations, such as the Altzheimer's group, to identify people who may need particular safety advice.

Another role that Cowbridge Fire Station take on is visiting local schools to advise pupils on the dangers of fire and road safety issues.

The open day is a chance for people to learn more about how it operates, and firefighters are promising some drills to keep people entertained.

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Marie Curie party conquers Mount Sinai in charity trek

RECENTLY, 13 local trekkers left the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, to take on Mount Sinai, to raise funds for the hospice.

Leaving at 2am to catch their flight from Heathrow, they were kindly donated a coach by Edwards Coaches.

Once the trekkers arrived in the Sinai Peninsula a few days later, they set off for the summit in the dark, making the four-hour trek by 6am.

The group then continued through the desert for two more days before returning to Cairo for their flight home.

Claire Notman, community fundraiser, who also went on the trek, said: "The trek was absolutely fantastic. We saw some amazing sights, met some fantastic people and stayed in wonderful Bedouin camps throughout the trip.

"It was a pleasure to take such a nice group of people who were so passionate about Marie Curie Cancer Care to the summit."

The team at the summit of Mount Sinai.

The 13 participants have so far raised nearly £40,000, which equates to 3.5 days of nursing care in the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

Marie Curie will be scaling the Great Wall of China in September 2011 and is looking for trekkers to take part.

For more information, please contact Claire on 02920 426068 or email claire.notman@mariecurie.org.uk

ANTIQUE BUSINESS MAKES THE TOP 50!

THE husband and wife team behind a Cowbridge antique shop are celebrating after being featured in a national newspaper's '50 best antique shops' in the UK.

In a recent weekend supplement in *The Independent*, Christine and Philip Havard, who have run Havard & Havard in Eastgate for the past 19 years, were singled out by a panel of industry experts.

Christine told The GEM: "We agreed to put our name forward quite some time ago, and we had forgotten all about it."

It was a pleasant surprise then, when the e-mail arrived from the newspaper, telling them of their inclusion.

It was an even more pleasant surprise when they saw some of the other 49 featured businesses – with many big city names with big city reputations.

The newspaper commented on their "love of Welsh country furniture" and continued: "They love showing visitors to their shop in the heart of Wales how each piece is utterly individual, reflecting the hand of its maker, 100 or 200 years ago."

Christine told The GEM: "It was a lovely surprise, and we have had some really good feedback.

"In fact, a number of locals have popped in to say how pleased they are. In a way, they feel it is an honour that is just as much for Cowbridge as for us."

She added: "It was quite a surprise to see who were *Independent* readers!"

ABOVE: Christine Havard checks out the other names in the top 50.
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OPEN DAY
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Deputy Chief Fire Officer Kevin Barry enthused: **"Fire station open days are always a great day out for all the family, both fun and informative.**

"Cowbridge Fire Station is celebrating its 50th anniversary and the Open Day on Saturday, May 8 is a great opportunity for members of the public to come and see the firefighters working at the station under the new RDS arrangements, which wll be in full operation by 2012."

Former Cowbridge town crier Simon Fowler is now a retained firefighter. Can you spot him in the picture at the top of the page?

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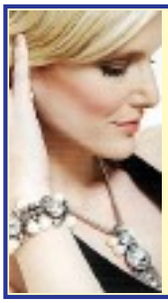

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Pontyclun choir in Bonvilston concert

THE Minnesingers, who are based in Pontyclun, were formed seven years ago and now number 18 singers.

They enjoy performing at concerts, weddings, funerals and celebration parties, but are also up to a challenge!

In November, they were invited to perform in the Millennium Centre production of '*Moby Dick*'.

Previously, they were invited to France by Mr Peter Andrews, formerly of Llanerch Vineyard, as guests of Chevalier Bretvins in Nantes.

They have travelled to Germany to sing in Rudesheim and Nuremberg. They have also sung at the National Botanic Garden of Wales and the Millennium Centre.

This year, they are committed to helping the Leonard Cheshire Foundation raise £20,000 for improvements to their centre at Radyr.

They are also helping raise funds for research into male breast cancer. They welcome new voices and meet at Hope Chapel, Cerdin Avenue, Pontyclun, on Sundays at 7.30pm.

Meryn Williams, the musical director, has been involved with musical societies since the age of 14.

She studied at the University of Cardiff music department, was awarded the Morfydd Owen prize for piano in 1987 and was a pupil of Arnold Draper and Martin Jones.

Meryn is continuing her busy career as freelance accompanist and musical director and continues to play for the Royal Academy of Dance examination sessions, as well as accompanying in the Stuart Burrows masterclasses.

Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston (almost opposite Aubrey Arms) on Friday May 7 at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (available from Old Village Shop, Bonvilston or on 01446 781309.

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Vale 41 Club holds AGM

THE AGM of the Vale of Glamorgan 41 Club was held at the River View restaurant in Cowbridge on April 26.

The new chairman for 2010-2011, Eugene Murphy, congratulated Peter Birmingham on being elected vice-chairman, while thanking last year's chairman Mike Wilcock for his year in office.

The club meets on a monthly basis, at various restaurants in the Vale, and while by the very nature of its name, is for Round Table members who are now over 40 years of age, it continues to welcome new members living in the area.

If you are a former member of Round Table and would like to join us for a relaxing meal once a month, and the occasional treasure hunt or barbecue, contact me on 01446 774502 or by email on wilcock60@aol.com

MIKE WILCOCK

CONGRATULATIONS!
Above, left to right: vice-chairman Peter Birmingham with chairman Eugene Murphy.

PLEASE KEEP OUR COUNTRYSIDE TIDY!

WE are regular walkers at the Aberthaw lagoon and beach and we are very disappointed to note the amount of rubbish which is being left around the area.

With the availability of kerbside refuse collections and council recycling depots in Llantwit Major and Barry, it is hard to believe that people load their car with their rubbish and proceed to dump it in an area of natural beauty!

Please look after what we have.

(Name and address supplied)

Porthcawl town clear-up go-ahead

Porthcawl council is due to pay its share of the cost of work done on clearing up land at the rear of Suffolk Place.

The council agreed to pay £2,000, but BCBC has said the work cost only £3,000, so the town council's contribution would be less than expected.

The council has given the town clerk authority to make the payments when requested.

How Vale school students see the world after their Auschwitz educational visit

IN a recent article, Philip Irwin of The GEM described how he had accompanied students from around Wales on an educational visit to Auschwitz.

The visits are organised by a charity, the Holocaust Educational Trust, and are designed to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive in young people today.

In this article, students from around the Vale describe how the day has affected them.

ABOVE: Students examining a scale model of the gas chambers which is an exhibit at the Auschwitz museum. (Photograph by Yakir Zur).

TOP of PAGE: Two photographs at the infamous watchtower, one of the few buildings still standing at Birkenau.

The photograph (top left) shows the view from the watchtower, along the boundary fence.

THE PUPILS' VIEW

THE recent visit to Auschwitz Birkenau, organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust proved memorable and humbling.

Hearing the testimony of an Auschwitz survivor, Zigi Schipper, before we travelled to Poland, was informative and thought-provoking even before the trip to Auschwitz -Birkenau.

The entire experience reminded us of our obligation to pass on the message of the truly inhumane extent of the Holocaust.

Firstly, our visit to a pre-war Jewish cemetery gave us the relevant background information to the town of Oswiecim, illustrating the normality of life for Jews before World War II.

There is not a single Jew living in the town now.

Standing on the selection ramp at Auschwitz Birkenau left the matter even more incomprehensible – the ramp for countless victims marked the stage where a senior SS officer decided whether each person was to be allowed to enter the barracks or simply face the gas chambers and a horrific end.

In addition, we were given the opportunity to stand inside a gas chamber at the main camp at Auschwitz – the idea of being inside a chamber of death where so many perished proved sobering and emotional.

Strangely, the Commandant of Auschwitz lived with his family in a villa which overlooked the site of this gas chamber.

The vastness of the camp, coupled with the bitter cold (and snow) portrayed the hostile environment that met Jews, and other supposed enemies of the Nazis, on entering the camp in cattle trucks along the railway line.

The tour of Auschwitz and Auschwitz Birkenau also encompassed visiting roll call areas and the barracks, where inmates suffered cruel treatment and horrific conditions on a daily basis.

A sermon, featuring traditional Jewish prayers, was made by Rabbi Barrie Marcus. It was poignant and memorable in commemorating the loss of so many.

Candles were placed in the freezing cold night to remember those who died; this marked an end to an unforgettable experience.

Far from what we expected, those looking for answers to any questions inevitably left with even more than they had come with.

James Williams and Georgia Smith, Stanwell Comprehensive School.

VISITING Auschwitz can only be described as one of the most surreal experiences of our lives.

From setting off at 5.30am and boarding a plane alongside more than 150 students from across Wales, it was clear this was not an ordinary school trip.

It's difficult to vocalize how the day affected us as everyone felt it differently, and very personally. However, one common feeling ran throughout; "how could anyone have done this?"

Even as we walked down the length of the infamous Birkenau railway tracks in the cold and snow, it was hard to comprehend how it must have felt for the countless people that were sent there.

One phrase widely used is that 'a picture is worth a thousand words'. This was doubly true in the flesh.

Hearing facts and figures about the Holocaust, even photographs, cannot even begin to put it into perspective.

On the trip we began to appreciate each individual life that tragically ended and see where it all happened. Being given that opportunity was worth so much more than any textbook.

We have been asked to be ambassadors for the Holocaust, and to spread the messages we can learn from Auschwitz, by sharing what we had the opportunity to see first hand with our schools, and local community.

It is vital that the events of the Holocaust are never forgotten. Already in today's world, shocking crimes against humanity are once again taking place.

We must ensure that everyone, particularly young people, learns the significance of this horrifying incident.

Perhaps then, this will be the generation that finally puts an end to genocide once and for all, and we are so privileged to have witnessed what comes of these horrors, and be a small part of bringing them to an end.

David Harries (from Bonvilston) and Emmeline Reynish (Barry)
Kings Monkton School, Cardiff.

WE all stood in silence, gazing up at the words 'Arbeit Macht Frei' – 'Work will set you free'.

The grey sky and snow added to the sombre mood of the day. I was one of 200 pupils from all over Wales who had the opportunity to visit Oswiecim or, as the Germans called it, Auschwitz, in Poland as part of the 'Lessons From Auschwitz' programme, organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

We were not there for a holiday, but to visit two second world war concentration camps, Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz – Birkenau, where an estimated 1.2 million people lost their lives at the hands of the Nazis.

The soaring watch towers and barbed wire that seemed to surround us made us feel as small as the Jews and other prisoners would have felt.

There were signs all over the place marking spots where various prisoners had been hung or shot, for nothing more than being different.

We had an emotional visit inside a museum showing real human hair and shoes, taken from the prisoners when they arrived in the camp.

Before we went in, we were told to imagine the thousands of different shoes that were left. None of us realised how many shoes there would be – and that each one would be different.

There were even baby shoes and a smashed children's doll that brought a lot of the group to tears.

One of the most emotional things for me was walking through halls filled with hundreds of photographs of inmates, taken when they first arrived in the camp.

Each of the men and women taken in these photos, with their bald heads and striped pyjamas, were slaughtered in Auschwitz. Whether they were gassed, hung or simply died of starvation – or one of the several diseases going around the camp – each of the photos showed normal people with normal lives before the war. Some photos had flowers hung on them, left by long lost family members.

The silence that followed us around on our trip to the two concentration camps became deafening when we arrived at the gas chamber and crematorium, where the majority of the people who died at Auschwitz were murdered, in the false hope of a warm shower.

At the end of the day we had a closing ceremony where we were spoken to by Rabbi Barrie Marcus. We prayed and lit candles for everyone who lost their lives at Auschwitz, and we reflected on what we had seen and learned that day, by having a minute's silence.

If we were silent for a minute to remember each Jew who died in Auschwitz, we would have been there for three years.

Catrin Thomas
St Cyres School

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Highways Act 1980 Section 116

TAKE NOTICE that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as Highways Authority for the lengths of adopted highway listed in Schedule 1 below, intends to seek an order under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, to stop up those highways listed in Schedule 1 in a manner which will prohibit public access or use of the route.

The application will be heard at Barry Magistrates Court, Thompson Street, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan on June 7 2010 at 10.00 am. Any person wishing to object to the stopping up of the highways listed in Schedule 1 below may attend and be heard on this date.

A copy of the proposed Order and associated plans may be viewed at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan and at The Alps Depot, Wenvoe, Vale of Glamorgan on Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.30 am and 4.30 pm.

Schedule 1

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT

reports by AJ SICLUNA

Child neglect: mum was drunk

TWO young children had to help their drunken mother home after she had consumed nearly a bottle of wine, Cardiff Crown Court has been told.

The boy and girl had found their mother "really drunk" and were frightened because she kept falling on the way to their house, said prosecutor David Thomas.

The woman had been convicted by Vale magistrates of two charges of child neglect and had been committed to Cardiff Crown Court for sentence.

Mr Thomas said that on January 24, at about 8pm, the police went to the children's home because of concern for them.

Both said their mother had been drinking and both were very distressed, and the police were told that she had been verbally abusive and told them she hated them.

The two were immediately taken to a place of safety and she was arrested.

The children said they had got her home with difficulty and eventually got her to bed. One of them said he could not "put up with any more".

The woman admitted being drunk after drinking white wine, adding that her neglect was "an error of judgement".

She was said to have two previous convictions for child neglect.

Sentence was adjourned until May 12 for a further social services report. She was granted bail.

Recorder Elwen Evans said the view of the social services might have an impact on the approach towards sentencing.

"At the forefront of the mind of the court is the welfare of the children," she said.

Custody, she pointed out, was a possibility.

Pontycymer dealer jailed

A PONTYCYMER drugs dealer has been jailed for four years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Dwain Joyce, 27, admitted 10 charges involving supplying amphetamine, possessing cocaine, and possessing amphetamine with intent to supply.

Recorder Elwen Evans said: "These are, of course, serious offences."

She described amphetamine as "a very nasty drug indeed" and added: "It is accepted that you must receive a very significant term of imprisonment."

He was said to have previous convictions for causing grievous bodily harm, burglary, and possessing drugs with intent to supply.

Prosecutor Richard Evans said that on January 15, drugs squad officers searched the home of Joyce and found a quantity of drugs, a set of scales, cutting agents, and a spoon containing a mixture of cocaine and amphetamine.

Joyce was found at the home of his girlfriend where he had amphetamine on him.

He was arrested and admitted using drugs and supplying them.

Mr Evans said he was released on bail, but a week later he was stopped in a car in King Edward Street, Blaengarw, and had on him cocaine and amphetamine worth £350.

Mr Evans said: "He is a regular, fairly low-level local supplier."

His counsel, Andrew Taylor, said he began drugs dealing when he started taking drugs hinself.

He said huge quantities were not involved, his life-style was not extravagant, he supplied only to people he knew, and did not go out corrupting youngsters.

He pointed out that Joyce was not unintelligent and not without ambition.

Case adjourned

A FORMER auxiliary nurse has appeared at Cardiff Crown Court accused of spiking a teenage girl's drink with intent to have sex.

Michael Andresen (37) of Barry, pleaded guilty to a charge of administering a substance with intent to engage in sexual activity with a teenage girl.

He also admitted six further charges involving making indecent photographs of a child, possessing indecent photographs of a child, and possessing extreme pornographic images.

The case was adjourned for a week and Andresen, who had been on bail, was remanded in custody.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

MAY DAY WALK

THE popular May Day walk organised by the Llancarfan Society will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 3.

You may either meet at the Village Hall at 10.15am to arrange car sharing, or at St Donat's Church car park at 10.45am.

The walk will commence at 11am and is fairly short, up through the wooded fringes of St Donat's Castle, with splendid sea views, returning after guided visits to the Lifeboat station at noon, then St Donat's Church and Lady Chapel at 12.30pm. The walk will finish at about 1pm.

For the less mobile, the initial walk can be avoided.

Dogs are allowed, but must be on leads at all times.

There will be a printed tour guide available.

JUMBLE SALE

LLANCARFAN Ladies Tuesday Club would like to thank all those who attended the jumble sale on April 24, and especially give their heartfelt thanks to the gentlemen who put out the tables and cleared the surplus goods afterwards.

Also many thanks to all the ladies who helped to raise more than £400 for local charities.

LOCAL ROTARY CLUB BRINGS CLASSICAL STARS TO BARRY

THE ROTARY Club of Barry has attracted two top performers to its classical musical concert to be held on May 6 at the Memorial Hall.

Don Carsley, the club president, told The GEM: "Last year, we were treated to a very successful appearance by the Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band, and in an effort to continue to bring international artists to Barry and the Vale we have invited the mezzo-soprano Annika Kashenz and the pianist Franceso Attesi.

"It should be an unforgettable evening, with music by Schumann, Schubert, Liszt, Mozart, Verdi, Bizet, Chopin, and other favourites."

German mezzo-soprano Miss Kashenz has performed in venues throughout Europe and America.

Italian pianist Attesi's collaborative work has included performing the European premiere of *Chiavi in Mano* by composer Yehudi Wyner, with the Czech Chamber Philamonic Orchestra of Prague.

Tickets for the concert at 7.30pm on May 6, start at £10; for ticket enquiries please call 01446 730669.

Alana Davies - Labour Candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan

Labour Llafur

As a new candidate, people I meet often ask me about my background and my experience.

I trained as a teacher at Barry Training College; I worked as a Lecturer and a Director of Study in Further Education for 28 years, and I now run a retail business. I am a Town and a County Councillor and have been re-elected several times. I am married, and have five daughters.

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Under Labour, we will provide good-quality jobs. We will increase the minimum wage, and we will protect front-line services here in the Vale of Glamorgan by making sure that Wales has its fair share of funding.

I'm asking you to take another look at Labour. Over the last 13 years we delivered the minimum wage, family tax credit, child trust funds, pensions credit, winter fuel payments, more police on the streets and investment in our schools and hospitals. I know there is more to do, and only Labour can deliver for the Vale of Glamorgan.

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As an ordinary working woman I can relate to people and their concerns. I know what it's like to balance a household budget as well as a business one. I have the experience of raising a family, of following a successful career, and of balancing them both.

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VALEWAYS will hold an eight-mile Festival Walk in Cowbridge on Sunday afternoon (May 16).

It passes the historic Llansannor Court and church and continues in a westerly direction to Dr Salmon's Wells', which originally supplied water to the locality in the 14th century.

The route passes Penllyn Castle, an imposing home sited on a limestone ridge.

The leader will be Paul Cottrell (pictured in the baseball cap on this walk last year).

Booking is essential. Visit www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk for the full programme and online booking.

Phone bookings and enquiries can be made by calling Valeways on 01446 749000 (Monday-Thursday; 9am-1pm).

Valeways walkers will be passing through historic Llansannor Court.

Vale photographers win club competition

ON Thursday, April 15, the Vale Photographic club competed in a battle hosted by Port Talbot Camera Club at their venue in Port Talbot.

The clubs entered were the Vale, Abertawe, Swansea, Morriston, Merthyr, Gwynfa, Towy Valley, Neath, South Yorkshire Police, Wakefield and Tenby.

The judge for the evening was Les Loosemore AWPF ARPS, who gave considered and constructive criticism, and judged with much good humour, which made for a splendid evening.

Port Talbot Camera Club put on a wonderful buffet and made everyone very welcome.

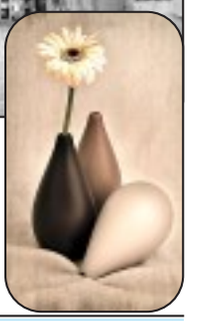
The scores were very close at the end, but the Vale won with 73 points.

The four Vale entries were as follows: Jan Cawley – Three pots and a flower – scored 20; Ed Cloutman – Dancing girl – scored 19; Phil Ray – Rockefeller Centre – scored 18; Mike Davies – Keep on Truckin' – scored 16.

Keep on truckin' by Mike Davies.

ABOVE: Rockefeller Centre by Phil Ray.

ABOVE: Dancing girl by Ed Cloutman.



RIGHT: Three pots and a flower by Jan Cawley.

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From 1-5pm, owners will have the chance to enter their canine companions in a number of categories, including fancy dress, best-looking dog, best puppy, best dog wearing neckwear and waggiest tail. There'll also be a fun racing game, 'how fast is your dog?', where owners can pit their faithful, four-legged friends against the clock on a special track.

In addition, there'll be a free bouncy castle, music from DJ Owen and friends, an owl display, face painting and more.

In The Room at the Park, Bernard Brown will be holding an exhibition of his amazing 3D photographs, while in the bowls pavilion there will be cakes, filled rolls and hot and cold drinks on sale.

Park manager Jon Greatrex said: "Come along and join in the fun with your pooch.

"The day offers plenty of things for all the family to do, all in aid of some very deserving pet charities."

Admission to the park is free; however, there is a charge for show competitors of £2 per class and £1 per go at 'how fast is your dog?'.

Owners are reminded to keep their dogs on a lead and to scoop the poop at all times!

For more information, telephone Jon Greatrex on 07809 551465.

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SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

THE last few years haven't been perhaps as kind to Steve Carrell as you would have hoped.

While he has maintained quality levels on television with his role as Michael Scott in American TV's version of *The Office*, Carrell's big screen career, burning so brightly after the likes of *Anchorman* and *The Forty Year Old Virgin*, has become something more resembling dying embers.

Neither *Evan Almighty*, *Dan in Real Life* nor *Get Smart* lit up box offices, and much like sometime cohort Will Ferrell, Carrell is seemingly at the crossroads career-wise.

His latest film sees him stick to the comedy, as he co-stars with Tina Fey in *Date Night*. Carrell and Fey play Phil and Claire Foster, a married couple whose only concession to each other amidst work and children is their weekly date night. However, when their friends reveal that they are splitting up, the pair decide to push the boat out for their weekly night and go to an upmarket New York restaurant.

But their night goes far from planned when a table reservation mix-up and a case of mistaken identity puts them in the sights of two corrupt police officers (Common and Jimmi Simpson) and a mob boss (Ray Liotta) intent on hunting the couple down...

Despite Steve Carrell's run of poor form of late, the actor is still a fine comedian and, teamed with Tina Fey, whose comedy writing ability is second to none, meant that *Date Night* had the possibility of being more than the middle-of-the-road comedy suggested on the tin.

This is partly true, for while *Date Night* runs the gamut of being a comedy veering ever so slightly cartoon-like, the presence and performances from Carrell and Fey, plus a few superb cameos, make it one that has more than its fair share of moments.

The main attraction for the film is the opportunity to see both Carrell and Fey working their comedy muscles, and the pairing pays huge dividends.

While both performers offer up very funny turns, they also ground their characters in the reality of the situation they are in.

Beaten down from long hours at work and the stresses of family, they are a couple whose only salvation from the grind is the opportunity to spend time with each other, no matter how staid that time is, and both actors bring the characters to life well, capturing the easy chemistry, yet with a slight undercurrent of resentment, you would expect from such a couple.

But neither actor is aiming for the Oscars with their performance, and it is the comedy that stands out more than anything. With both having improvisation backgrounds, they seemingly relish being given the opportunity to be let off the leash a little and it comes across in their turns.

While the material is a touch on the safer side (see the credits for some of the more 'out-there', yet funnier, quips from the two of them) they deliver them with enough relish that you can't help but be entertained.

Fey's is the more impressive of the two, purely by product of her lower profile in comparison to her co-star. It is a game turn by the actress, one that hopefully will raise her profile and draw audiences in to watch her sitcom, *30 Rock*, which is seemingly sadly neglected on these shores.

While the film pretty much rests on the shoulders of its leads, the support turns, while none of them substantial, all add to the comedy on show, particularly Mark Wahlberg's turn as a security expert the couple turn to for help.

With an aversion to wearing a shirt, Wahlberg shows a lightness of touch and a taste for the comedic that bodes well for his team-up with Will Ferrell, *The Other Guys*, later in the year. In fact, Wahlberg is better here in his 10 minutes or so of screentime than he was in *Max Payne* and *The Happening* combined; food for thought for the actor.

With Common and Jimmi Simpson playing the dirty cops to type, William Fichtner is good value as a District Attorney with a broom to, literally, sweep the crime from the streets, Ray Liotta, once you get over how old he looks, plays the stereotypical mob boss well, while a one-scene cameo from Mila Kunis and James Franco shows the latter's comedic abilities off superbly well.

The script from Josh Klausner (*Shrek The Third*) takes a somewhat hackneyed premise, but puts it through fresh eyes (anyone who has seen Martin Scorsese's *After Hours* will feel on familiar ground), while similarly giving the performers enough framework to work with.

The story may lack any real hint of surprise or originality, but it doesn't labour too much on the details; the story is there to service the comedy, not the other way round.

The weakest link in the chain is the direction from Shawn Levy. Hollywood has produced plenty of what you could term 'styleless' directors over the years – Brett Ratner (*Rush Hour*) is one name that springs to mind – where their style is anonymous and they are little more than a safe pair of hands to deal with big money films, offering little in the way of flair or style.

Levy is another of these directors, and despite having helmed the likes of the *Night At The Museum* franchise and *The Pink Panther* remake (no excuses there I'm afraid), there is still no signature to his work. Certainly he marshals a couple of funny set-pieces, one involving the slowest boat escape ever on film, another involving a taxi being stuck to the front of a speeding car, but Levy offers nothing special or notable.

You could argue that sums up *Date Night* to a degree; there is little originality or flair to proceedings. But that would do a disservice to the comedy stylings of Steve Carrell and Tina Fey, who lift the material, and subsequently the film, beyond its level; the pair deserve the plaudits for making this *Date Night* one to remember.

VERDICT – A run-of-the-mill comedy that is enlivened considerably by the turns of Steve Carrell and Tina Fey, *Date Night* is a film well worth watching mainly for their performances.

Bringing their comedic sensibilities to a film which, without them, would feel bland and uninspiring, the pair are the highlight of the piece and make it well worth your time. *Enjoyable.*

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAYS
(LAND AT COITY ROAD, BRIDGEND) ORDER 201-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers propose to make an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to authorise the stopping up of the area of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

If the Order is made, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in Schedule 2 to this Notice to be carried out. The Order will cease to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

During 28 days from 29 April 2010 copies of the draft Order and the deposited plan may be inspected during normal office hours at Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting the Welsh Assembly Government reference CZ510-5-53-qA843215/1.

Within the above mentioned period of 28 days, any person may, by notice to the Welsh Assembly Government, TPG3, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ (quoting reference CZ510-5-53-qA843215/1), object to the making of the Order.

Please note: Should you wish to object, support or make representations, we may need to consult with people and organisations outside of the Welsh Assembly Government. As part of the process of consulting with others the information you have given us and your personal data will be passed to the applicant/developer and on occasion the local highway authority to enable them to respond to you. We will, however, only disclose your personal details where it is necessary to do so to enable us to deal with issues you have brought to our attention. Where a stopping up Order becomes the subject of a Public Inquiry (PI), all correspondence is copied to the Inspector of the Inquiry and is kept in the PI Library where it is publicly available.

A copy of the draft Order and Notice can be viewed on the Welsh Assembly Government's website at www.wales.gov.uk (Select: Legislation / Subordinate legislation / Draft Legislation / Draft Non-Statutory Instruments / Town and Country Planning Act Stopping Up Orders).

M D BURNELL
Transport Planning and Governance Division

SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE 1

(All measurements are approximate)

Description of the area of highway to be stopped up under this Order.

A narrow, rectangular shaped area of all purpose highway measuring 0.3 metres wide that lies on the western side of Coity Road and extends from a point to the south east of the Railway Club for a distance of 46 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the proposed development.

The erection of 6 self contained, supported accommodation with communal facilities and support staff accommodation, in accordance with planning permission granted to United Welsh Housing Association under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by Bridged County Borough Council on 19 May 2009 under reference number P/09/109/FUL and on 18 December 2009 under reference number P/09/869/RLX.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IN LARGER PRINT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TRANSPORT PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE DIVISION 3, WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT, CATHAYS PARK, CARDIFF CF10 3NQ.

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Trace Great War ancestors

MEMBERS of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition are offering a free family military history research service for visitors to Fortress Wales 201- at Margam Park this weekend.

The coalition is joining forces with the Western Front Association (South Wales branch) to stage a two-day display of First World War weapons and memorabilia.

Spokesman Dr Jonathan Hicks, said: "We will also be able to tell visitors more about their ancestors who served during the Great War by offering an online research service.

"We have been given the ground floor of Margam Castle free of charge to offer this facility and to raise awareness of our work."

Full details of the event can be found on the internet by searching for 'Fortress Wales 2010'. All proceeds from the event go to Shelter Cymru.

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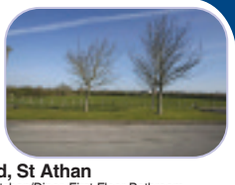

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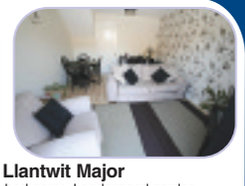

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Unfurnished 2 bed flat with garden.
Scott Close St Athan - £475 pcm
Unfurnished three bed link house.
The Wheate Close, Rhoose - £495 pcm
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Laura voted best boxer for all-action display

LLANTWIT MAJOR ABC held its last boxing show of the season in the rugby club recently.

Eight boxers were on show from Llantwit Major. The first in the ring Simeon Owen, this year's 62kg Welsh Novice champion, boxed Joe Beeden, one of three boxers who travelled from Swindon.

Both boxers worked hard for the all-action three rounds with the Swindon Man winning the contest.

Stacy Dixon (Llantwit Major ABC) boxed an exhibition contest with Millie Bailey (Swindon ABC). The two well-schooled girls showed good moves in this neat contest.

Llantwit's Gareth O'Callaghan was in against Luke Watkins from Swindon. The two big men were throwing big shots throughout the all-action bout, with the Swindon boxer getting a disputed decision from the officials.

Laura Howells.

Matt Haynes (Tredegar ABC) was too strong for Simon Bird (Llantwit Major ABC), the referee stopping the contest in the second round.

Laura Howells (Llantwit Major) boxed an exhibition bout against Natasha Williams (Tredegar ABC) in an exhibition bout. The boxers should concentrate on showing skills, but the two girls started to throw heavy blows to each other's head and body.

The referee had to tell the girls to slow the pace down. The crowd enjoyed this all-action contest, and the audience gave both girls a huge applause for their efforts.

At the end of the evening's boxing, the officials voted Laura Howells the best Llantwit boxer on show, and she was awarded a nice trophy for her efforts.

Lee Dixson (Llantwit Major) wasted no time in his contest with Liam Williams (Premier) scoring well with his long lead. The Premier boy found it difficult to get to Lee with him moving well around the ring.

In the third and final round, the shorter Premier boxer was still advancing but could not get near Lee. This was a solid performance from the Llantwit boy who got the decision.

Alex Hughes and Callan Barrand, both from the host club, boxed a spirited exhibition bout.

It was a class evening, despite the setbacks with illness and late withdrawals. All boxers put on a fine show. It's these kind of evenings that keep clubs like Llantwit Major going.

TONY MEAKIN

Bethania folk join family to celebrate 80th birthday

MEMBERS of Bethania Presbyterian Church, Pendoylan recently enjoyed celebrating the 80th birthday of their organist Mrs Brenda Williams.

Following the normal Sunday morning service, conducted by Rev Adelaide Wheeler-Cocks, church members, together with family and friends of Brenda, gathered at the village hall for a luncheon party.

Many tributes were paid to her for the way she has carried out her duties over the many years she has been connected with Bethania.

The day's celebration concluded with junior member, Miss Martha Okon, presenting Brenda with a writing set on behalf of the Sunday School. **LMcC**

ABOVE and BELOW: It was congratulations all round – as her family and friends, young and old, joined in the Bethania church celebrations for Brenda's 80th birthday.

Bradley's Vale golf date for Tenovus

WELSH golfing professional Bradley Dredge will be running a golfing clinic at the Tenovus Corporate Golf Day on May 17 at the Vale Hotel, Golf & Spa Resort.

Bradley said: "I am very much looking forward to Tenovus' Corporate Golf Day at the Vale. Cancer affects one in three of us and all money raised from the day will help cancer patients in Wales."

There are a few team places still available priced at £400 for a four ball, including snacks and a two course dinner. First prize is practice day tickets to The 2010 Ryder Cup.

For more information on how you can get involved in Tenovus golfing activities email golf@tenovus.org.uk or call Sarah Jordan on 02920 768864.

LLANTWIT CAR CRASH

THE B4270 on the outskirts of Llantwit Major was closed shortly before 7.50am yesterday (Wednesday) after a car overturned.

A Vale Police spokesman said: "One vehicle, a Ford Ka, was involved and a firecrew and an ambulance also attended the scene.

"The female driver of the car was freed by the fire service and treated at the scene for her injuries.

"The road re-opened at around 9.15am."

'Flying Vet' case is dismissed

A case against 'Flying Vet' Maurice Kirk was dismissed by Vale magistrates yesterday (Wednesday) after no evidence was offered.

Mr Kirk (65) of Tynewydd Road, Barry had been charged with using threatening words or behaviour likely to cause alarm or distress at Caswell Clinic, Bridgend on February 10, and on the same date resisting the police in the execution of their duty.

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LLANTWIT MAJOR - £220,000

Stone built terraced cottage built circa 1800 situated in the western end of the town comprising Porch, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen/Dining area, Two bedrooms, Bathroom. Double glazed windows. Gas central heating. Exposed beamed ceilings. Courtyard to the front and long extended garden to the rear with stone outbuilding. Freehold Ref 511D

WEST VALE, ST ATHAN - £140,000

Modern well presented refurbished three bedroom end of link house with conservatory to the rear comprising Hallway, Lounge/Diner, Well equipped newly fitted Kitchen/Breakfast room, Utility Room, Refitted Bathroom. Gas central heating. UPVC double glazed windows. Off road parking and good size rear garden. Freehold Ref 512D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £179,500

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BOVERTON - £157,000

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BOVERTON - £159,500

Modern three bedroom end of link house with purpose built conservatory to the rear and garage comprising Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Area, Modern fitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Gas central heating. Paved driveway and open plan garden to front and enclosed rear garden with access to the garage. Ref 483D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £124,950

Modern well presented two bedroom mid link house comprising Hallway, Modern refurbished fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Diner with patio doors to rear garden, Modern Bathroom. UPVC double glazed windows. Gas fired central heating. Hard standing for parking to the front and garden to the rear. Ref 495D

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Liddicoat Court	4	Gold	02/02/10

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NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y datblygiadau canlynol:

Development in Conservation Areas
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Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00346/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use of ground floor A1 retail unit at 64A to D1 Dentist Practice, as an expansion of existing Dentist at 64C (First Floor), plus ramp to front and associated alterations
Location:/Lleoliad: 64A and 64C, Eastgate, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00350/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing entrance hall, W.C. and utility area. Erection of a single storey extension to comprise a playroom, entrance hall, W.C. and utility area
Location:/Lleoliad: 31, Old Port Road, Wenvoe
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Wenvoe

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00356/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Extension, alteration and refurbishment of existing dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: 13, The Mount, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area: /Ardal Gadwraeth Dinas Powys

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00381/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: New dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Bakers Lane, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Llantwit Major

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00391/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed detached dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Plot 1, West Street, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Llantwit Major

Listed Building Consent
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00373/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of double storey extensions, carport and conversion of existing garage
Location:/Lleoliad: The Sweetings, Llanquian Road, Aberthin
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building
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Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00391/FUL
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Location:/Lleoliad: Plot 1, West Street, Llantwit Major
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting garden wall, gate, mounting block and stables at Plymouth House, Grade II. Also affecting Plymouth House, Grade II

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GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF (TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way
Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2008/01559/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use to holiday accommodation
Location:/Lleoliad: Barn at Great House Farm, Llandough, Cowbridge

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk

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Strong performances by local athletes in the Senior Cup Final at Leckwith, Cardiff

Report by PETER MORRIS
Pictures by IAN DIXON

LOCAL pupils and schools will take encouragement from performances at the first track and field fixture of the summer term – the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Senior Cup Final.

The event, traditionally the season opener, provides an opportunity for pupils in years 11 to 14 to compete in a team competition for their school or college and set a mark which, hopefully, might set them on the road for selection for the Cardiff and the Vale team for the Aviva Welsh Schools' National championships, which, this year, will return to Brecon on July 3.

In dry, sunny conditions, sadly with a headwind for the sprinters and hurdlers, Vale athletes won 15 of the 26 individual events.

Four new Cup bests were set, with three of them representing Vale schools or colleges.

In the girls' competition, Ayla Phillips, this time representing Barry College having moved from Llantwit Comprehensive, won the shot for the third year, with her best put of 10.29 metres, adding 10 centimetres to the previous mark, which she set last year.

A second new best came in the 1,500 metres, with St Cyres year-11 shaving 0.7 of a second off the 5:01.0 timing set in 2001 by Helen Tucker (Llantwit), who has, more recently, made her mark in the world of triathlon.

On the boys' side, the increasingly impressive Curtis Matthews, now in his final year at Barry Comprehensive, claimed wins in the high and long jump competitions and shared second place in the 100 metres. His name will remain in the list of best performances for his 1.86, adding three centimetres to the height cleared by Simon Drane (Llanishen) in 2002.

Other Vale winners were James Wiltshire (200) and Ben Harding (shot) from St Cyres, the Stanwell duo of Tom Phillips (400) and Owen Haswell (1,500), Ruby Miller (800) and Scott Hewins (javelin) from Llantwit, Sian Balchin (Kings Monkton, javelin), Bryn Hafren year-11 Tillie Carter (long jump), and two Bro Morgannwg pupils – Lisa Williams (discus) and double winner Elinor Lewis (80m hurdles and triple jump).

Last year, Bro Morgannwg won both team competitions. They produced another strong team effort this year with mixed results, the girls retaining the trophy with a margin of 12 points over second-placed Cardiff High, while the north Cardiff school extracted revenge by claiming the boys' trophy.

Results of Vale pupils: Senior Boys – 100: 2= Curtis Matthews (Barry Comp) 11.8; 4 James Wiltshire (St Cy) 11.9; 6 Taylor Harding (Bro M) 12.7; 8 James Ray-Parsons (Lwt) 13.1; 9 Tom Harrison (Cow) 13.4; 200: 1 James Wiltshire (St Cy) 23.2; 3 Fred White (Cow) 24.2; 6 Taylor Harding (Bro M) 25.5; 9 Scott Hewins (Lwt) 27.7; 400: 1 Tom Phillips (Stan) 54.2; 5 Sam Morgan (Cow) 56.9; 6 Duke Durham (St Cy) 56.9; 7 Tiernan Scott (Bro M) 58.0; 8 Oliver Crosby (Lwt) 61.1; 800: 3 Dominic Farr (Bro M) 2:08.7; 4 Owen Haswell (Stan) 2:12.5; 5 Alex Simon (Lwt) 2:13.1; 7 Andrew Williams (Lwt) 2:31.9; 8 Steffan Kitchen (Cow) 2:34.1; 1,500: 1 Owen Haswell (Stan) 4:26.3; 2 Darren Jones (Lwt) 4:30.8; 3 Joe Whitmarsh Knight (Bro M) 4:38.4; 5 Daniel Lewis (St Cy) 4:46.7; 6 William Elliot (Cow) 5:06.2; 7 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 6:00.1; 100H 3 Mike Lloyd (Cow) 16.1; 4 James Glaves (Bro M) 16.1; 7 Duke Durham (St Cy) 18.3; HJ 1 Curtis Matthews (Barry Comp) 1.86 CupBP; 2= Sam Booker (Lwt) 1.70; 2= James Glaves (Bro M) 1.70; 4 Mike Lloyd (Cow) 1.65; 7 Ben Harding (St Cy) 1.55; LJ 1 Curtis Matthews (Barry Comp) 6.21; 3 Sam Norman (Bro M) 5.68; 5 James Wiltshire (St Cy) 5.25; 8 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 4.94; 9 James Ray Parsons (Lwt) 3.70; TJ 3 Duke Durham (St Cy) 11.50; 4 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 11.45; 5 Zak Deere (Bro M) 11.43; 8 Sam Booker (Lwt) 10.56; 9 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 8.08; SP (5kg): 1 Ben Harding (St Cy) 12.64; 2 Michael Daniels (Lwt) 11.48; 3 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 11.42; 5 Tom Perry (Bro M) 10.45; 9 Joe Hamonda (Barry Coll) 8.43; DT (1.5kg): 3 Scott Hewins (Lwt) 29.00; 4 Nick Davies (Cow) 27.70; 5 Sam Norman (Bro M) 24.41; Joe Hamonda (Barry Coll) dnc; JT (700g): 1 Scott Hewins (Lwt) 45.00; 3 Tiernan Scott (Bro M) 43.56; 4 Steffan Kitchen (Cow) 32.97; 7 Kyle Garrison (Barry Coll) 28.74; 4 x 100 3 Cowbridge 47.7; 5 YG Bro Morgannwg 49.5; 6 Llantwit Major 51.2.

Team: 1 Cardiff High 133.5; 2 YG Bro Morgannwg 112.5; 3 Cowbridge 107; 4 Llantwit Major 95.5; 5= St Cyres 81; 9 Barry Comprehensive 36.5; 10 Stanwell 35; 11 Barry College 20.

Senior Girls – 100: 3 Ellie Carter (Bryn H) 14.0; 4 Savannah Taylor (Bro M) 14.1; 5 Alice Thomas (Cow) 15.1; 6 Leanne Jones (Lwt) 15.7; 200: 3 Leah Grisdale (Bro M) 29.7; 4 Alice Thomas (Cow) 31.1; 300: 3 Sara Meredith (Bro M) 45.1; 4 Georgia Kemeys (Cow) 49.8; 5 Ruby Miller (Lwt) 50.3; 800: 1 Ruby Miller (Lwt) 2:42.9; 2 Eleri Phillips Griffiths (Bro M) 2:51.4; 4 Sabrina James (Cow) 3:09.9; 1,500: 1 Bethan Daw St Cyres 5:00.3 CupBP; 3 Elinor Lewis (Bro M) 6:33.0; 4 Elsbeth Bisson (Cow) 6:58.3; 80H: 1 Ellinor Lewis (Bro M) 13.4; 3 Natalie Parsons (Lwt) 14.5; 4 Georgina Jackson (Cow) 16.4; 5 Beth Heslop NS (Bro M) 16.8; HJ: 2 Leah Grisdale (Bro M) 1.35; 3 Molly Llewellyn (Cow) 1.30; 4 Natalie Parsons (Lwt) 1.30; LJ: 1 Ellie Carter (Bryn H) 4.17; 2 Savannah Taylor (Bro M) 4.16; 4 Sidony Crowther (Lwt) 3.95; 6 Lydia James (Cow) 3.24; TJ: 1 Elinor Lewis (Bro M) 9.66; 3 Lia Thomas (Bro M) 9.00; 5 Georgia Kerneys (Cow) 8.26; 6 Leanne Jones (Lwt) 7.86; SP: 1 Ayla Phillips (Barry Coll) 10.29 CupBP; 2 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 9.11; 3 Jessica Richards (Lwt) 7.36; 4 Louise Edwards (Cow) 7.20; 5 Harriett Vaughan (Bro M) 6.26; DT: 1 Lisa Williams (Bro M) 21.80; 2 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 21.51; 4 Amy Taylor (Cow) 15.96; 5 Jessica Richards (Lwt) 15.30; JT: 1 Sian Balchin (Kings M) 29.64; 2 Ayla Phillips (Barry Coll) 24.26; 3 Toyah Newman (Bryn H) 23.46; 4 Martha Holeyman (Bro M) 16.93; 6 Georgina Jackson (Cow) 16.36; 7 Danielle Davies (Lwt) 15.53; 4x100: 2 YG Bro Morgannwg 54.7; 4 Llantwit Major 59.8; 5 Cowbridge 61.0. Team: 1 YG Bro Morgannwg 113; 3 Cowbridge 86; 5 Llantwit Major 75; 6 Kings Monkton 29; 7 Bryn Hafren 27; 8 Barry College 20; 9 St Cyres 11.

ABOVE:
Talented cyclist Ruby Miller (Llantwit) won the 800 metres.

ABOVE:
Year-11 Bethan Daw (St Cyres) won the 1500 metres, bettering the 2001 best of Helen Tucker (Llantwit).

ABOVE:
Alysha Phillips (Barry College) won the shot for the third successive year, and set a new event best for the second year.

ABOVE:
Year-13 Curtis Mathews (Barry Comprehensive) set a new high jump best of 1.86 metres.

ABOVE:
James Glaves (Bro Morgannwg, 42) and Mike Lloyd (Cowbridge, 41) battle it out in the 100 metres hurdles.

LEFT:
Bro Morgannwg year 13 Elinor Lewis completed a hurdles and triple jump double for the second year, and gained points in the 1500 metres.

ABOVE:
Winner of the long jump - Bryn Hafren year 11 Tillie Carter.

ABOVE:
Kings Monkton Year 13 Sian Balchin, won the javelin for a second year.

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

BASKETBALL TEAM WIN CARDIFF FINAL

Year-8 football

THE year-8 football team played Willows High School in the semi-final of the Cardiff Schools and Vale Schools at the Bear Field, Cowbridge.

Playing towards the by-pass in the first half, Cowbridge played their best football of the season against a very strong and skilful team. An outstanding goal from Brad Rosser after good passing helped the boys settle down.

In their first visit into the Cowbridge penalty box, a mistake in clearing the ball allowed Willows to draw level. Five minutes before half-time, another lapse of concentration gave the visitors a penalty which they scored from for a half-time lead of 2-1 against the run of play.

In the second half, Cowbridge School did everything possible – hitting crossbar, post, and some great saves from the visiting 'keeper from Mathew Roberts and Will Mathews. While pushing forward to score the equaliser, the defence were caught twice which led to a 4-1 defeat.

The score did not reflect the effort and skill the boys had produced, but that's football. Well done to all boys for an excellent season to reach this far.

Squad: Goalkeepers – Sean Rowlands, Aaron Bowman; Defence – Daniel Evans, Declan Thomas, Gabe Shires, Sam Richards, Tyler Rogers; Midfield – Marcus Knevett (captain), Joshua Thomas, Nathan Stephens, James Smart, Will Mathews; Attack – Alex Guard, Matthew Roberts, Brad Rosser.

Cross-country

THE St John's Porthcawl invitation cross country race was held over the dunes and beach at Porthcawl.

The weather was wet and windy for this annual event held for the 20th year.

The under-13 girls team proved a strong unit, winning over Brynteg Comprehensive School.

4th, Annabel Curle; 6th, Rebecca Thomas; 8th, Nadine James; 9th, Alice Tudor; 12th, Ella Emyr; 15th, Eleanor Bishop; 16th, Brooke Langden Cryer; 31st, Naimh Gallagher; 32nd, Sophie Thomas.

The under-13 boys also triumphed over Monmouth Public School.

3rd, Tom Owen; 5th, Ellis Rosser; 8th, Kristian Jones; 9th, Hugh Bennett; 10th, Toby Walker; 12th, Scott Thomas; 13th, Cai Allin; 25th, Warren Ryland; 27th, Miles Jenkins; 30th, Nicholas Rees.

The under-16 girls finished second to Brynteg Comprehensive School.

2nd, Fiona Bray; 3rd, Miriam Bennett; 6th, Verity Morgan; 12th, Lydia James.

The under-16 boys also finished second to Monmouth Public School.

3rd, Rufus Budd; 11th, Jonathan Esquirol; 12th, Jonathan Mansell; 13th, Joshua Rowland; 15th, Dillon Morgan.

Basketball

AFTER winning all group matches, the year-8 basketball team played Willows High School, Cardiff, in the semi-final of the Cardiff & Vale Schools League.

The first quarter proved difficult as the boys became used to the course and backboards, but led 12-6. As the game progressed, the quicker and more skilful players showed their class, comfortably winning 49-12.

This allowed all players in the squad to play a part in the game with the bench rolling on and off.

Coach Mr Bob Lewis was extremely pleased with the hard work and determination he and the boys had put in, with early morning training five days a week.

Squad: George Griffiths (captain), Joseff Gaughan, Harri Stubbington, Mathew Roberts, Sean Rowland, Tom Trotman, Declan Thomas, Llwyd Elms, Alex Greaves, Tom Owen, Sam Powner, Miles Jenkins, Owen Ace.

In the final against St Richard Gwyn RC School, Barry, held at the Welsh Institute of Sport Sophia Gardens Cardiff, the school team looked forward to the challenge ahead. The game was played on a full-size court with electronic scoreboard and proper officials.

This helped the school squad to really show their class by winning 69-18. All squad members played their part and captain George Griffiths was very pleased to receive the trophy as County Champions. Harri Stubbington was voted player of the game.

Many thanks to Mr Bob Lewis who coached the team and gave up so much time to prepare the boys and introduce them to a new sport.

The boys have played an excellent season in their first term of basketball.

Under-18 tennis

THE girls under-18 tennis team took part in the first round of the Aegon British Tennis Tournament, playing away to Radyr Comprehensive.

In the singles, Bethan Moorcraft, Stephanie Wills and Molly Williams all had tough matches, losing 1-6, 0-6 and 2-6 respectively, while Rachel Bradshaw won 6-3.

In the doubles, Stephanie and Molly lost 1-6 and Bethan and Rachel won convincingly 6-2. Radyr will go through to the next round, playing either Howells or Christ College, Brecon.

Cowbridge under-12s in semi-final victory

COWBRIDGE under-12s entertained Penarth RFC under-12s at home on the main Cowbridge RFC pitch for an eagerly anticipated Blues Cup semi final.

The victor would play in the Blues Cup final at the Cardiff Arms Park the following week - quite an accomplishment for whichever side would win.

Within seven minutes, Penarth had taken a deserved lead with a well taken try that was converted to give a seven point lead.

Cowbridge hit back by getting the ball out wide through the backs and the 'Cowbridge Express' Tom Trotman rounded the defence to run in from the halfway line.

Penarth were totally bossing the game and scored another converted try before half time to take a 14 - 5 lead.

The Cowbridge coaches needed to work hard with the team during the interval as they had not played in such a subdued manner all season - however, from the restart Penarth scored again to take their tally to 19 points to five - most of the very large crowd watching the game believed at this stage that there was no way back for Cowbridge.

However, the pack started to compete more effectively up front, and the Cowbridge back row of Josh Brace, Luke John and Ben Jones started making ground and providing better ball at the breakdown for the Cowbridge backs.

Tom Trotman came to the rescue to score two more long range tries to keep Cowbridge in the game, one of which was converted by Matt Harper - the score was now 19 -17 to Penarth with only five minutes to go and the crowd were thoroughly enjoying the Cowbridge fight back.

Could they do it after being under the cosh for so long? Cowbridge were now being able to assert themselves and a fantastic run by Gabe Newham nearly led to a further try but he was hauled down only yards from the try line.

Penarth cleared the ball to touch but from a quick throw-in Ben Jones stole the ball and went over for a match winning try to make the score 22 - 19 to Cowbridge much to the delirium of the home spectators.

All was not yet finished however and the Penarth right winger broke through the Cowbridge defence from his own half and it looked like a certain final score for Penarth - however, Tom Lucas tracked all the way back and put in a match saving tackle only 15 metres from the try line.

The Cowbridge players, coaches and supporters were enormously relieved at the final whistle and the Penarth players whilst obviously bitterly disappointed at having dominated most of the game were extremely gracious in defeat.

Cowbridge Man of the Match, despite Tom Trotman's three tries, was Owain Thomas Jenkins (prop) who landed several vital hits during the game.

Full Squad:- Cai Thomas Jenkins, Owain Thomas Jenkins, Josh Brace, George Thomas, Jac Davies, Tom Whitehouse, Luke John, Tom Evans, Ben Jones, Frazz McGhan, Rob David, Hywel Williams, Ashford Thomas, Jonny Harvey, Gabriel Newham, Rian Thomas, Harvey Stockford, Matt Harper, Tom Trotman.

Cowbridge under-10s off to Arms Park

COWBRIDGE under-10s entertained Pentyrch in an eagerly awaited Blues Cup semi-final.

With the ground baked hard thanks to the recent good weather and the sun beating down, Pentyrch kicked off the action.

Although the contest up front was very even, the Cowbridge back line were superior in attack and defence. This was typified by a thunderous tackle from Bevan Howells that prevented a try scoring opportunity.

From a good field position the ball was moved wide to Bradshaw who beat two defenders to score in the corner. Jake Griffiths added the two for a 7-0 lead to Cowbridge.

Cowbridge kicked off the second half and would proceed to go through the gears.

Jac Roberts and Sam Corkill were superb as they covered every blade of grass while Max Lucas, Dan Taylor and Jake Griffiths tackled everything in sight.

The ball was carried to within 5 metres of the Pentyrch line and recycled superbly.

A great off load to Dan Taylor saw the Cowbridge powerhouse drive over for the all important second score.

With Jake's kick the lead was stretched to 14-0.

Cowbridge continued to dominate and looked dangerous from anywhere on the pitch.

Once again from superb play by the forwards, the ball was fed to Rhydian Williams who ghosted past the defence for a wonderful score. With another successful kick from Jake Griffiths the lead was 21-0.

Pentyrch, to their credit, never gave up and continued to battle and tackle hard all over the paddock.

After a good forward move their winger broke clear only to be hauled down close to the line by Elliot Bancroft.

Jake Griffiths was first to the break down and ripped the ball clear. The ball was moved along the line for Elliot to receive the ball and race 50 metres past the defence for a fantastic score. With the kick, the lead was now 28-0.

Cowbridge once again moved the ball wide for Elliot to score his second and Cowbridge's fifth try of the day. A successful kick from Jake Griffiths left the final score at Cowbridge 35 - Pentyrch 0.

This was undoubtedly the best performance of the season with every one of the boys raising their game to another level. The coaches were extremely proud of them all and we look forward to the final next week in Cardiff.

DEVELOPMENT

BOTH sides development teams then took to the field. This would prove to be just as fierce a contest as the Blues Cup game with both sides giving their all.

Dan Marshall drove over to open the scoring and with a successful conversion from Liam Murphy Cowbridge were 7 points to the good.

Pentyrch hit back with two converted tries straight after the break to take the lead, but Cowbridge never let their heads drop.

They continued to press and created an opportunity for Rhys Davies to score a superb try from fully 40 metres.

Once again Pentyrch hit back and scored another try, but crucially missed the conversion. A converted try would give the boys the lead once again and Evan Williams, on for the injured Rhys Davies, went on a trademark run to score a sublime try in the corner.

Evan then stepped up to kick the conversion and secure a 21-19 win for Cowbridge.

Full Squad; Angus James, Bevan Howells, Cameron Roy, Dan Taylor, Dan Marshall, Elliot Bancroft, Evan Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths, James Guard, Liam Murphy, Luke Beattie, Max Cunnington, Max Lucas, Patrick Sheppard, Rhydian Williams, Rhys Bradshaw, Rhys Davies, Sam Corkill, Tom Coates, William Davies.

May Day start for the harness racing season

ALTHOUGH the start of the 2010 season has been delayed, looking at the Llangadog card it seems certain that the racing will get off with a bang on May Day, Monday May 3.

It certainly seems worth the wait as more horses will face the starter on the all-weather track at Tairgwaith just over the hill from the little Carmarthenshire village which has always hosted the start of the season.

There will be two nursery races as the young horses preparing for a racing career start on their way up the ladder.

Seven new horses will line up alongside ones returning from last season. The first competitive event will be the novice races, but these horses have all enjoyed some success and there will be fierce competition to record the first wins of the season.

The open races follow and the grade B is a straight race, but picking the winner is still going to take some skill. There will be two heats in the grade A, qualifying will take a good horse as no-one dawdles around Tairgwaith!

The two baby novices will be next on the card, these look set to be really exciting. Mid Wales has some of the best young horses in the country with so much diverse breeding, creating interest for all the followers of form. The challenge will be on to start the season with a win.

There will be a six furlong dash which is always thrilling as the horses power from the gate and keep on running.

The day concludes with the premiere race of the day as the grade A finalists try to add their name to the illustrious list of Llangadog winners.

The new season is about to start, meeting old friends and making new ones, new horses and old faithfuls, all mix in to add to the anticipation of the racing thrills to be enjoyed for the next five months.

May Day has always been a day for celebration and this year the mid Wales racing 'family' are looking forward to it more than ever.

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Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO_2 emissions (g/km). Aveo 1.4 LT 5dr: Urban - 35.8 (7.9), Extra-urban - 60.1 (4.7), Combined - 47.9 (5.9). CO_2 emissions 140g/km. Captiva 2.0 VCDi LT 7-seat: Urban - 31.7 (8.9), Extra-urban - 42.8 (6.6), Combined - 38.2 (7.4). CO_2 emissions 197g/km. Cruze 1.6 LS 4dr: Urban - 31.4 (9.0), Extra-urban - 51.4 (5.5), Combined - 41.5 (6.8). CO_2 emissions 159g/km. Chevrolet Spark range emissions: Urban 42.8 (6.6), Extra Urban 67.3 (4.2), Combined 55.4 (5.1).CO_2 Emissions 119 g/km.

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE

Ms T Simmons – **32 Heol Y Frenhines, Southra Park, Dinas Powys** – first floor side extension and new attached garage to side.
Mr David Schuster – **55 Rhodfa Sweldon, the Waterfront, Barry** – erection of conservatory at rear of property.
Mr James Hadley – **Lextan Limited, 95 Holton Road, Barry** – retrospective application for the change of use to tanning studio and installation of new shop front.
Mr and Mrs A Torok – **98 Churchfields, Barry** – two storey side extension, erection of flat roofed detached garage to rear, installation of Velux rooflights and sun collectors to dwelling roof.
Mrs Nina Chivers – **41 Marine Drive, Barry** – proposed internal alterations, including re-positioning of front entrance door and extending existing attached garage.
Mr Rob Robson – **5 Trepit Road, Wick** – amendments to approval 2009/00686/FUL single storey extension to rear and single storey extension to front of dwelling.
Cemex UK Operations Ltd – **Wenvoe Quarry, Wenvoe** – continued operation of recycled aggregate facility previously approved under application number 2009/00817/FUL.
Mr J Newark – **Old factory House, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – fell one sycamore.
Mr Brian Thomas – **11 Tyle House Close, Llanmaes** – fell a Rowan, ash, cherry and silver birch in rear garden.
Fitz Project Management – **25 Augusta Crescent, Penarth** – ground floor and dormer extensions to existing bungalow.
Mr Edward Rees – **21 Clinton Road, Penarth (opposite 31 Victoria Road)** – installation of new coloured green cabinet.
Dr Colin Smith – **38 Harbour's Edge, Plas Taliesin, Portway Marina, Penarth** – erection of single storey front extension.
Mrs HEJ Laurence – **3 Alwen Drive, Barry** – uPVC porch.
Miss Sarah Lowe – **1 Leoline Close, Cowbridge** – dormer extension.
Mr David Thomas – **Maendy Isaf House, Trerhyngyll Road, Maendy, Cowbridge** – single storey side extensions including replacement garage and conservatory to rear.
Mr and Mrs S Dodd – **32 Clos y Fulfran, Nell's Point, Barry Island** – proposed single storey extension and alterations to form extended kitchen and new entrance hall with terrace above.
Mr and Mrs Warne – **19 Denbigh Way, Barry** – single storey extension.
Mr Dilwyn Gore – **11 New Barn Holdings, Flemingston, Nr Barry** – proposed new field gate access and stable block.
Ms Jeanette Minns – **16 Vale View Crescent, Llandough** – double storey side extension and single storey porch.
Mr John Owen – **land adjacent to Bron Hyfryd, Tair Cross, Llampha** – demolish garage and rebuild.
Fun Foundations – **The Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge** – change of use from offices (B1 use) to day nursery (D1 use).
Mr Charles Porter – **1 Police House, Winston Road, Barry** – change of use from office accommodation back to a single residential dwelling.
Mr Michael Sing – **34 Shakespeare Avenue, Penarth** – roof extension to form 'bonnet hip' and flat roof dormer to rear.
Mr Alan Whatling – **12 Hinchsliff Avenue, Barry** – two storey side and single storey front extensions.
Mr Phil Barnett – **33 Coldbrook Road East, Barry** – demolish existing lean-to outhouse and construct single storey extension to rear of property.
Mrs PE Holdsworth – **11 Stradling Close, Cowbridge** – single storey side extension.
Mrs H Bray – **The Beeches (was Conway), Windsor Terrace Lane, Penarth** – removal Eucalyptus from front, remove ash sapling, apple tree, oak saplings and unidentified sapling.
Mr Winters – **The Old Forge, 23 Britway Road, Dinas Powys** – remove two semi-mature ash trees.
Mr and Mrs Richard and Jane Williams – **Caradoc Cottage, Llancarfan** – demolition of existing derelict cottage (to be replaced by proposed new low energy dwelling and garage).
Miss Caroline Morgan, WE Morgan & Son – **Penuchadre Farm, St Brides Major** – extension to existing building.
Graeme Yorston – **The Paddocks, Home Farm, Hensol** – 1) addition of new external wall around perimeter of buildings incorporating insulation; 2) increase in size of slate roofs; 3) removal of two external trench doors and addition of bi-fold doors.
Mr Mark Tarrant – **59 Boverton Road, Llantwit Major** – proposed extension and garage.
Mr John Paul Edwards – **3 Barons Close, Llantwit Major** – demolition of existing single storey side annexe, erection of two storey side and rear extension with a single storey rear lean-to and covered canopy.
Mr Richard Morris – **24 Shakespeare Drive, Llantwit Major** – single storey kitchen/dining room extension to the rear of the property.
Mr Gary Watson – **21 Lakeside, Cold Knap, Barry** – balcony extension.

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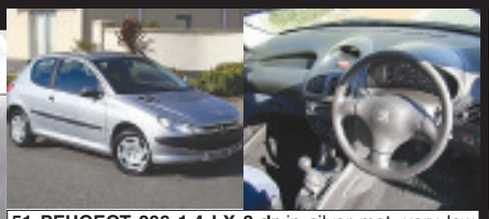

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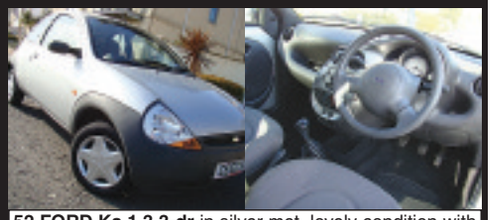

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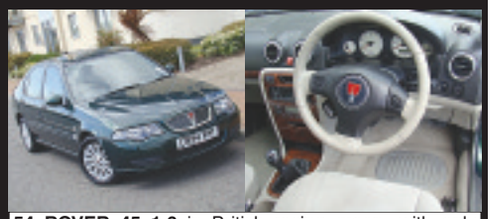

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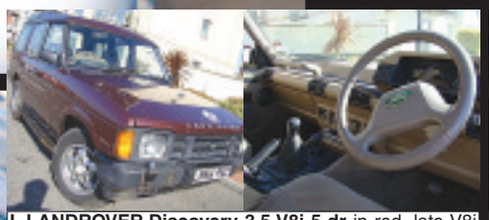

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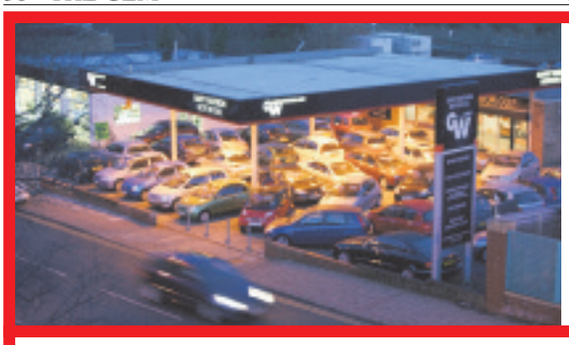

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GEM sport

SOUTHERNDOWN LADIES ARE OFF TO A FLYING START

THE Southerndown ladies' captain, Nikki Hughes, held her charity open on Monday, April 19.

More than 80 ladies took part, coming from all over to support RNIB Cymru, this year's charity. More than £1,000 was raised on a beautiful day that was enjoyed by everyone involved.

The team event produced the following results (Southerndown members unless stated):

1st: Beryl Vaughan, Sarah Morris and Kath Evans - 94 points; 2nd: Gaynor Lavelle, Lee Brannon and Madeleine Hanford (Pyle and Kenfig) - 87; 3rd: Nikki Hughes, Caroline Kelly and Tina O'Sullivan - 86.

Nearest the pin: Chris Gill (just 2m 18cms!); longest drive bronze: Sheila Watts-Jones; longest drive silver: Nikki Hughes.

The only two was scored by Jean Broughton on the seventh and she left with all the golf balls, 36 in total.

Southerndown Ladies are flying high at the moment, the first team have kicked off the season with an excellent win over Glamorganshire, and Kath Evans and Caroline Kelly have beaten Royal Porthcawl in the Daily Mail Foursomes to take them through to the third round.

They were also the successful pair in the Australian Spoons competition and will compete for a place in the final at Rhondda Golf Club.

There's a busy golfing month ahead too, and also a spring ramble along the Heritage Coast to look forward to - let's hope the sun keeps shining.

ABOVE: From left to right: winning team member Sarah Morris, ladies' captain Nikki Hughes and Kath Evans.

ABOVE: Spring-heeled George Griffiths.

George turns disappointment into delight!

George Griffiths of Cowbridge Comprehensive School recently became a national long jump champion at the Aviva Sportshall UK final in Birmingham.

It was a remarkable turnaround, because a few weeks previously, he had been selected to represent Cardiff and the Vale in two other events!

At the recent Cardiff & the Vale Schools competition, the talented year-8 sprinter and long jumper had won three events – the two-lap sprint, standing long jump and high jump.

However, at the Welsh nationals, he could only compete in two, and had to sit out the standing long jump.

He picked up silver in both the sprint and high jump, but when he was allowed to compete as a non-scoring athlete in the standing long jump, he produced a leap of 2.62 metres, a distance which would have been good enough to win.

It would also have been a new Welsh age group best.

So, George certainly made amends when he was chosen to represent Wales in the UK finals, as he improved his personal best again with a jump of 2.68 metres.

His previous jump of 2.62 metres was unlikely to be ratified as a Welsh record, but George's spring heels have now made that question irrelevant!

Cowbridge RFC battle hard only to lose out at the end

IF this had been winter and the ground was this hard from frost the game would probably have been called off.

However, on a beautiful sunny day the large crowd were treated to a feast of running rugby against fifth place Deri who beat Cowbridge 36-15 a couple of weeks ago.

Cowbridge couldn't have had a better start. With just five minutes on the clock a clever kick from outside half Stu Lakin took the Bridge to within 10 metres from the Deri line.

A soaring leap by captain Steve Birchenough secured the ball and it was in form No 9 Dewi Edwards who dummied over for a fine try, converted by Lakin.

From the kick off a storming run by flanker Carwyn Davies, and another chip from Lakin, took Cowbridge into the Deri 22.

Cowbridge were playing all the rugby with aggressive forward play, knocking the big Deri pack off their stride and were duly rewarded with a Lakin penalty from 35 metres.

Despite the early optimism, it was Deri who took the honours for the rest of the half.

Some poor Cowbridge defence and strong running by the right wing gifted Deri three tries and a conversion.

The half time score was Cowbridge 10 Deri 17.

Despite some early Cowbridge pressure and a missed penalty, Deri were first on the score board in the second half, a converted try again a result of some poor defending.

To their credit, Cowbridge heads did not drop and within two minutes a good Richie Howsen run followed by powerful Birchenough break and clever pass to the supporting Lakin allowed him to stroll over for a well deserved try.

Unfortunately the conversion attempt was charged down.

Back came Deri with a penalty and they came close to a fifth try, thwarted by a try saving Harry Davies tackle.

Still, the fifth try wasn't long coming and the conversion took Deri to a 15 - 34 lead.

The Cowbridge faithful were beginning to fear the worst but the boys were having none of it.

Birchenough secured good lineout ball in the Deri 22 and was just held over the line but the impressive Josh Lewis secured the ball and over he went on 27 minutes followed by an excellent Lakin conversion. Three minutes later it was another Lakin try and conversion - 27-34.

Deri hit back with a penalty, but Cowbridge were not finished. A lovely Harry Davies break and a chip into the Deri 22 resulted in a scrum 5.

The resulting ball reached Lakin who passed inside to centre Huw Lougher who touched down for the fifth Cowbridge try, followed by another excellent Lakin conversion.

Cowbridge were now within 3 points of Deri with three minutes remaining and despite an all out effort of were unable to secure the winning score.

Final score Cowbridge 34 Deri 37.

Another defeat, but 2 bonus points and a game in which, despite some suspect defence, Cowbridge showed great commitment from the front row to full back and the boys and coaches should be pleased with the battling performances in the last few games.

The firsts don't have a game this weekend (it's the legendary John Powell mystery tour), but travel to Penygraig on May 6 and the final game is at home to Old Penarthians on Saturday May 8 when the boys will be looking for revenge following the heavy defeat earlier in the season.

ROB VAUGHAN

Stunning start to new cricket season as Cowbridge win twice

THE cricket season began on Saturday for Cowbridge Cricket Club when a 1st XI travelled for a friendly against Barry Athletic, who play in the second division east.

Nathan Baker, the home skipper, won the toss and decided to bat, and they proceeded to score 212 for 7 wickets in their 40 overs.

The skipper held the side together with a robust 64, and his opening bat, A Ganapathy, ably supported him by scoring a useful 42 runs.

Of the Cowbridge bowlers, James Thomas shone, taking 4 for 46 off his allocated eight overs. John Gilbert, Chris Willey and Chris Cox contributed also, each one taking a wicket.

As the club captain, Tom Merilaht, is still meandering in Bangkok, Jonty Webb and Mike Lloyd, who took over as skipper for the day, opened the innings. The opening pair took the score quite quickly to 80, when the first wicket fell in the 15th over. Jonty was bowled comprehensively for 23, while his opening partner was on 55.

Adam Wood came to the crease but unfortunately did not remain for long. Neither did Chris Willey. He and Adam scored four and two respectively, but Mike carried on in his own way, playing some delightful strokes all around the wicket, his on driving being particularly severe on any loose bowling.

When Andy Finucane joined him he had scored 87 and, by the time Andy was caught in the 30th over for 21, Mike had reached his century.

They had put on 37 valuable runs while bringing some stability to the innings, but when Andy was out, memories of recent disastrous collapses came to mind. Obviously, someone had to stay with him if they were to reach their target.

That 'someone' arrived at the crease in the shape of young Sam Wood. Certainly not overawed by the occasion, Sam settled quickly and with some cultured stroke play and intelligent running between the wickets he stayed with Mike until the game was won.

Sam ended on 22 and Mike 134. This was his first century for the club and hopefully not his last. It was certainly Mike's best innings so far, sensible and patient, with his straight driving being particularly powerful.

A welcome victory after the frustrations of last season!

Quite a different side travelled to Radyr on Sunday. A number of the younger players at the club were given experience of playing at a higher level and they did not disappoint. In a low-scoring game, the Radyr team was beaten by three wickets.

Their skipper won the toss and decided to bat, but unfortunately for him, his side was bowled out for 119 runs in 38 overs.

Rhydian Harris did the damage as he demolished the opposition by taking 5 for 18 in eight overs. He was ably supported by James Thomas (2 for 30), Alex Kurobasa (1-21), Archie Yates (1-23) and Harri Collier (1-18).

Sam Wood and Gethin Davies shared the wicket-keeping duties, conceding only one bye.

Victory was reached in the 26th over. Nick Davies (42) and Nick Vaile (20) scored most of the runs.

A weekend notable for its victories! Let's hope the same conclusion is reached in the following weekends as the league season begins in earnest next Saturday.

The First XI are at home with Skewen the visitors, and the Seconds travel. All support is welcome.

Last week, the cricket club learned of the untimely death of Peter Finucane. Our condolences go to his family and friends and particularly his sons, Richard and Andrew, who play for the club. Apparently, like his sons, Peter was no mean cricketer. In his heyday, he was quite a fiery bowler, taking many wickets wherever he played.

DL

Double triumph for Cowbridge bowlers

COWBRIDGE Ladies Team enjoyed early season success in their first competitive game of the season at home playing against a formidable Pencoed team.

On this occasion, Cowbridge was too strong for Pencoed and won by 81 shots to 34. Both teams were able to provide players for four rinks. Cowbridge won on all four.

Scores were as follows:

Rink 1 18-9 Team Pat Davey, Judy Springett, Janet Legg and Captain Diane Purnell;

Rink 2 24 - 7 Team Anne Jarvis, Joy Woolford, Pat Holdsworth and Margaret Cooper;

Rink 3 14 - 12 Team May Jones, Pauline McAllen, Barbara Slade and Lynda Wilson;

Rink 4 25 - 6 Team Joan Bradley, Shirley Wilkinson, Ann Alford and Glenys Davies.

It was success also for the men's team last Saturday playing Rhondda team Gelligaled on their artificial green. In the absence of the captain (on a Roman holiday), vice captain Dennis Snelling made a good start by winning the toss and then leading the team to victory by 93 shots to 64.

Cowbridge also won on three of the four rinks although two of them were close calls.

Scores were as follows:

Rink 2 22-20 Team David Jones, Brian Kent, Rob Lewis and Charles Sanders;

Rink 3 29-12 Team Byron Richards, Ron Woolford, Brian Williams and Brian Elsey;

Rink 4 18-20 Team Roger Barwick, Ron Frayling, Howard Owen and Colin Wilson;

Rink 5 24-12 Team Dennis Snelling, Bill Looker, Clive Pritchard and Mansel Davey.

Games played to date have been pre-season friendlies. Cup and league competitions for both ladies and the men start next month.

It is not all about competitions. Social bowls is played on Monday afternoons.

The club plans to introduce its newcomers to these sessions as the season progresses. The club is also holding a 'Poems and Pints' social evening this Friday. The season has started well.

MB